G. H.
Stanley
21st Aug 1893

No 89.

My Lord,

With reference to your Lordship's despatch No 8 of the 12 January and to the despatches as noted on the margin, I regret that I am only now in a position to comply with the request contained in the 1st para of your Lordships despatch above quoted by the receipt of a letter from the Medical Officer in the West Falklands received on the 14th inst copy of which I have the honor to enclose, together with copies of the correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Colonial Surgeon on the subject.

Circular despatch S/S to Gov. 28 Jan 1890
Do Do Do. 19 Feb 1892
Gov to S/S 69 of 17 May 92
S/S to Gov 59. 13 July 92
Gov. to S/S 130. 17 Oct 92
31 Dec 1893

2 As will be seen from this correspondence the Colonial Surgeon is responsible for the delay, as only asked for the information required by same mail by which the Colonial Secretary communicated direct with Dr Young at my request

3. It will be observed also from this correspondence that the experience of the Medical Officer on the West Falklands does not correspond with that of the Colonial Surgeon as to the failure of the lymph supplied by the Local Government Board, and cannot find any support for the statement made in the 2nd para: of the Colonial Surgeon's letter to the Col: Secretary of the 13 July, in regard to a voluminous correspondence going back to Dec 1891, when the Col Surgeon was asked to supply

how, having an ample supply of lymph, he had been unable to return a single successful case of vaccination during six months previously. Both Medical Officers however appear to meet with the same difficulties in the performance of arm to arm vaccination.—

4. With regard to the inquiries directed to be made in the 2nd para of your Lordship's despatch of 12 January I have been unable to obtain any further explanation than that given in Dr Hamilton's letter of the 15 August to the Colonial Secretary as to the possible cause of the failure with him of the lymph supplied by the Local Government Board; and it is to be inferred from the request made in the 2nd para of this letter that the supply of lymph is insufficient. That inference has since been confirmed by Dr Hamilton informing me that the supply of lymph from the Local Government Board is not sufficient and that he intends sending in a requisition for a double supply of tubes each half year. I have been unable to ascertain why the usual half yearly ~~supply~~ consignment from the Local Government Board has ceased since 1891.—

5. The Colonial Surgeon has further informed me that he could keep his own supply of lymph if the Law were enforced compelling parents to have their children vaccinated. From inquiries I have made, I learn that Ord I of 1868 providing for the compulsory vaccination of

of children has for more than two years past been a dead letter, though I believe Governor Goldsworthy made an effort to enforce it. The strong objections of the people against arm to arm vaccination no doubt formed the principal difficulty —

6. I am strongly of opinion that this Law ought to be strictly enforced in Stanley where the population represents such a mixture of nationalities. If small pox became an epidemic in Stanley it would be most difficult to stamp it out owing to the impo[illegible] of isolating cases and to the want of a hosp[illegible] of any Kind. [I shall [illegible] in matters [illegible] compulsory va[illegible] imp[illegible] [illegible] drai[illegible] the o[illegible] [illegible] rette

7. I intend to require that the provisions of Sec[illegible] 12 of ordinance 1 of 1868 be complied with regularly in future and when I ascertain the number of children unvaccinated in Stan[illegible] which I have reason to believe is a large one I shall bring the matters of compulsory vaccin[illegible] and the drainage of the Town before the Board of Health when it is reconstituted. —

8. This Board I find has really ceased to exist as the members appointed after the passing of the [illegible] of 1891 - the Hon'ble J. J. Fenton the Rev Father O'[illegible] and Mr. James Smith have not been reappointed and since the passing of the above ordinance there have been only 8 meetings.

I have &c
(Sd) Geo. [illegible]

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No. 90.

Gf. H.
Stanley
22 August 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to your Lordship's despatches No. 95 of 6 December 1892 and No. 40 of 6th May last and their enclosures, I have the honor to report as follows on the claim of Messrs Wendt & Co for the payment to them of the net proceeds of the sale of goods salved from the wreck "Concordia".

2. Messrs Wendt and Co are in error, as the Receiver of Wrecks states in his letter of the 4 August to the Col Secretary, copy of which is enclosed, in believing that only wine in casks had been salved from the wreck. I have been informed by the gentleman who was acting as Receiver of Wrecks during portions of the years 1891-92 (Mr Harding) and referred to in their letter of the 27 April last addressed to your Lordship, that he gave Messrs Wendt & Co to understand that the cargo salved was principally, not only, wine.

3. The account of the Receiver of Wrecks in the matter of the wreck "Concordia" appears from the copy of it transmitted herewith to have been closed on the 2d January last with the exception of the payments of the sums of £20 and £6 which I have directed to be made since the receipt of your Lordship's of the 6th May.

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There has been unnecessary delay in the settlement of this account which should have been made after the last sale of the salvage goods in August 1892; and there appears to have been no suggestion or recommendation made as to the distribution of the sum of £20. Seeing that three officers performing the duties of Receiver of Wrecks had a share in this matter, I directed the amount of £20, after a payment of £2 for clerical assistance in preparing the salvage A/c to be equally divided between Mr Sanguinetti, Mr Harding, and Mr Fraser, as explained in the minute by the Colonial Secretary following on the report of the present Receiver of Wrecks.

The amount due to Mr Sanguinetti has been ascertained to be £6, being the allowance for travelling at the rate of 30/- per diem under the Board of Trade Instructions to Receivers of Wrecks. The Col Secretary has received instructions to remit this sum to him together with his share of the percentage of the salvage.— £12

4. The balance therefore now available for distribution among the different parties interested in the wreck of the "Concordia" will with interest thereon up to the 31st August amount to £130. 8. 4., as shown in the statement of account corrected to date by the Receiver of Wrecks, finally closed here, and supported by the necessary vouchers, for which amount I have the honor to enclose a draft on the Crown A/c £130. 8. 4d.

5. The proper course to have followed in dealing with this matter would have been to have handed over the wreck of the "Concordia" to the consul of the Country under the flag of which the ship sailed. W. Baillou is Consul in this Colony for Germany; but as the matter was not put into his hands at the outset, I beg to suggest as the preferable course that it be handed over to the Foreign Office for settlement.

6 With reference to para: 4 of the Report of the Receiver of Wrecks dated 4: August, I understand that Messrs Wendt & Co claim on behalf of the underwriters; and they no doubt will be able to explain why many of the goods saved and sold do not appear on the copy of the manifest which is one of the eleven enclosures in original transmitted in Your Lordships despatch No 40 of the 6 May and which are now returned herewith.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

No. 91.

G. H.
Stanley.
25 August 1893

My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's Despatch No. 48 of the 24th June, and to the copy of correspondence transmitted therewith as noted on the margin, I have the honor to forward for Your information copy of a minute which I have received from the Colonial Treasurer on the subject of the under estimation of the cash Balance of this Colony in the hands of the Crown agents on 13 June and as to the further investment on account of Savings Bank deposits.

2. I agree with the Treasurer that the uninvested Balance of the Savings Bank should be much reduced, and I consider that it should be kept as nearly as possible at an amount not exceeding £1,000.–

3. If Your Lordship concurs with me in this opinion I would ask that the Crown agents be instructed to make the transfer from the Surplus Funds to that of the Savings Bank as advised by Mr. Fraser in his minute above referred to –

30 June 93 4. I have also the honor to enclose for Y. L.'s information copy of the Treasury Abstract showing total receipts and payments for the Quarter ended 30 June

24 Aug 93 and copy of the "Treasury State" of Yesterday morning

I have &c

(Sd) Geo M[illegible]

No 92

Y. H.
Stanley
29 August 1893.

My Lord.

With reference to my despatch No 79 of the 24th ultimo I have the honor to transmit for Y. L's information copy of a letter which has received by the Col Sec by last mail from Sir F. A Abel Secretary to the Imperial Institute

2 I have requested the Col Sec in acknowledging the receipt of this letter to say that I would forward a copy of it to Y. L. with the suggestion that copies on a larger scale if possible of the new "Chart of Record" or map of this Colony be lithographed, when Y. L. would be enabled on behalf of the Colony to make the presentation desired by H. R. H the President, and so aid in making the collection of maps dealing with the possessions of the British Empire as complete as possible in the Imperial Institute

3 I should add that I have been informed that the Freeholders and Leaseholders in these Islands would be glad to purchase copies of a lithographed map such as I have suggested, so that the sale of copies would no doubt reimburse the Government the cost of lithographing it

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

93.

G. H.
Stanley.
29 August 1893

My Lord,

With reference to Yr. L's despatch No. 25 of the 3rd March last and to the correspondence as noted on its margin, and also with reference to Yr. L's despatch No. 50 of 5th July, I have the honor to transmit herewith for Y. L's information a copy of a despatch which has been received from the British Minister at Buenos Aires covering correspondence having further reference to the Islands of S. Georgia together with a copy of my reply thereto

22 Aug 93.

2. Though from the abovementioned correspondence it will be seen that there is no apprehension of any present probability of those Islands being visited by any Argentine vessel, I await the receipt of a copy of any instructions that may be given consequently on the request made by W. G. Welby in the last para: of his despatch of 30 Jan. (Confidential No. 3.)

I have &c

(Sd) Geo: Melville

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G. H.

No. 94. 5th September 1893

My Lord. ans by 89/93

I have the honor to transmit for Y. Le consideration and, I trust, approval the Estimates of Revenue & Expenditure of this Colony for the year 1894, which have been framed with the utmost regard to economy and at the same time with an endeavour to provide for all services so as to avoid a supplementary Estimate of more than a nominal amount which cannot be foreseen.

Owing to many items of Expenditure not having been provided for on the Estimate for this year, and to other items having been much underestimated, I regret to say that the supplementary Estimate for this year promises to be a heavy one. I am glad to be able to report that these Estimates as approved in the Executive Council were passed without amendment in the Legislative Council yesterday.

2. The Estimated Revenue for 1894 amounts to £10,900 - 15. 0. as against £10,358. 3. 1 for this year shewing an increase of £542. 11. 11 This increase is mainly caused by an Estimated rise in the Revenue to be expected under Head I "Customs" owing to a steady increase in the importation of Spirits and Spirituous liquors on which an import duty of 10/- a gallon is leviable; under Head VI Post Office.

By the rapidly extending sales of postage stamps

Stamps and by the Triennial payment of Se
Transit Rates; under

Head VII Rents.

By the renewal of lapsed leases of land a
the higher rental of £20 per section as
provided by Ordinance 9 of 1882; and under

Head V Interest on Investment.

By an estimated larger amount of interest
on Savings Bank Investments, by reason
a probable increase in the amount of Deposit

3. The Estimated expenditure for 1894 shows a total
£10,590. 16. 5, as compared with £11,002
for this year. The chief cause of this
decrease of £411. 12. 0 is owing to the vo
Public Works Extraordinary in this year in
£893 while for 1894 only £81 is estimated for.—
The differences under the several heads of
expenditure are further explained as follow

Vote I Pensions.

The decrease of £65 under this vote is caused
by the decease of J. Hocking late Gaoler and by
reduction in Mr Brooks pension to £90, in
accordance with the instructions contained
S. L's despatch No 81 of 24 Sept 1892.

Vote II Government

The addition of £12 to the Gardener's wages, an item
a supply of peat, the necessity of an asst Gard
+ labourer at £60, who will also be available
as Horse Keeper, increases this vote by £72, but
is reduced to £42 by the transfer of the
Office Keeper and Messenger to Vote III to which
this item is properly chargeable.—

Vote III Colonial Secretary's department.

Shows an increase of £76 which is made up as follows:-

(1) authorised increment to the Government Clerk's Salary	£ 10. 0. 0
(2) Transfer of Office Keeper & Messenger from Vote II	36. . .
(3) Extra Clerical assistance	10. . .
(4) " assistance for printing	25. . .
(5) Type &c for printing office	5. . .
	£ 86. .
From which should be deducted	10. . .
by which amount the item "Fuel & light" has been reduced	
	£ 76. .

With regard to item (2), the increase of £6 on the wages of the Office Keeper &c ~~has~~ has been drawn since June of this year under a Resolution adopted by the Legislative Council on the 14th of that month. There ~~has~~ has been previous annual expenditure under subheads (3) and (4) but though inserted need not necessarily entail expenditure.-

The increase under (5) is required partly to replace old type and partly to increase the stock in order to meet the heavier demands now required from the printing office.

Vote IV Customs.

There is an increase of £10 on this vote to meet the Commission payable to the shipping masters for reimbursements made on behalf of distressed British Seamen and authorised by Circular despatch of 3rd May 1872.- This item appears for the first time on the Estimates although there has been constant previous expenditure on this service.-

Vote V Mail Department

Remains the same.

Vote VI. Port and Marine.

There is a saving of £35 on this vote. The item of £30 for an assistant pilot has been struck out as there is no present necessity for this Officer, pending a decision as to procuring another pilot schooner and the appointment of a master to her. — Boatmens' wages have been increased from £10 to £25, as this years vote, there being no schooner, was found quite insufficient for the hire of Boatmen employed on Pilot Service and for labour government stores from the steamers. Boats having undergone repairs allow this item to be reduced from £50 to £3[illegible]

Vote VII Legal.

The saving of £3.16/- on this vote is caused by a reduction by that amount of the Coroner's fees, which it is hoped will not be required.

Vote VII Police.

An estimate of £60 instead of £75 is expected to be sufficient for clothing. The other items remaining unaltered the vote is thus reduced by £15.

Vote IX. Prisons.

Shows a net decrease of £35. The item £3[illegible]

for an assistant warder having been struck out as being no longer required, especially as it has been arranged that the Guard Room should be provided at the Goal; and the item for sustenance of prisoners having been reduced by £10, that amount being deemed sufficient to meet requirements after a comparison of the amounts so expended in previous years.

Vote X. Medical Department

The allowance for taking minutes at the proceedings of the Board of Health has been reduced by £1 but the item for the cost of medicines having been restored to its original figure it being found to be underestimated this year, gives an increase of £4 on this vote.—

Vote XI Education.

An increase for school fees of £3 is made on account of the estimated larger attendance of children. The addition of £12 as recommended in Ex. Co on 7th Nov 1892 has been made as requisite to aid musical education and to assist the School Board. These give a total of £15.

Vote XII Ecclesiastical

Remains the same.

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Vote XIII Transport.

Increased provision for passages of Government employés and for the conveyance of Stores will, the Colonial Treasurer reports, be required as this vote was largely exceeded last year and sums will have to be met by a supplementary appropriation for expenses which already exceed this years vote. A vote of £200 or an estimated increase of £100 on last year's vote has therefore been reserved to cover passages and freight, which is a moderate vote taking into consideration distance of the Colony from the sources of supply.

Vote XIV Miscellaneous.

The three years guarantee by the Government for a grant towards the maintenance of an idiot child in England will terminate during the year and will cause a decrease of £16/-/-. The cost of Telegrams has been reduced from £10 to £5-/-. On the other hand, "expenses unforeseen" has been increased from £60 to £100 as services not otherwise provided for, often occurring and which are difficult to forecast, have had to be met by supplementary appropriations and £ has been added for "cutting and reckling Peat" to save heavier expense in the purchase of peat during winter should the supply run low, while a new item "capitation grant to volunteers" of £80, provided un

Section 25 of Ord V of 1893. brings the net increase on the vote up to £92. 4/-

Vote XV Post Office.

Shows an increase of £20, this increase is estimated as being needed to meet larger supplies of postage stamps and postal stores and the risk of compensations arising from the extension of the Post Office business relations with the public.

Vote XVI Mail Schooner

There is no charge made under this vote.

Vote XVII Public Works

The decrease of £706 on this vote approximately represents the amounts specially voted for this year which it is not proposed to repeat. Though there is an apparent increase of £4. on the "maintenance and repairs of roads &c decrease vote A, this item will prove more elastic as wages of labourers only will be charged against it, those of carters & expenses of the upkeep of carts &c of which this item vote A formerly bore its share, being now provided under a seperate subhead. "Maintenance and Repair of Public Buildings vote B, has been reduced from £500 to £400 the item carters &c has been increased to £120.

£240 so that the total cost of these may be charged to one head, it having been found inconvenient and sometimes impossible, to fairly divide these expenses amongst the various subheads.
Under "Extraordinary Expenditure" the item "part payment for fencing" has been increased from £64 to £81, as the ages for this work having been now completed, it is computed that that amount will be required annually for four years to pay off the expenditure incurred on this work which amounts to £374.

Vote XVIII Interest (Savings Bank)

The increase of £100 on this vote is caused by the expected increase in the amount of deposits.

Vote XIX. Drawbacks and Refunds

An amount of £100 in place of £98. has been inserted to give a round number.

4. During the debate which took place on Vote VII Police, the Hon'ble J. J. Fellon, one of the unofficial members, inquired as to the conditions under which the Constables were employed, as during the past few years the increase of the department has caused an increased expenditure not in wages but in transport and in the

supply of peat. He observed that the services of the volunteer corps which had just been embodied would be available in case of any riot or disturbance arising in the Colony. Mr. Felton added that in former times when more ships frequented the port there was but one constable & this increase of constables might naturally lead people to believe that there is also an increase of crime, which was not the fact.

I informed the Honble member in reply that three of the Constables had recently entered on their terms of engagement which were for 3 years.

Some discussion also took place on Vote XVIII, "Public Works" when the same unofficial member asked if there might not be some means found for increasing the item "Maintenance & Repairs of Roads &c" as the greater portion of the £250 inserted in the draft estimates would have to be expended on undoing certain bad work by prison labour, on a road in the Town during last year. He said that the need for these repairs was very necessary, and he would like to see a larger sum voted for this purpose, if possible, without a burden by taxation being placed on the people. It would give employment to men coming into Stanley from the Camp during the winter months.

I admitted in reply the desirability of improving the roads and drains of the Town as soon as

as possible. If further Revenue were required I was of opinion, in which I believe Honible Members concurred, that it might be found without any undue burden of taxation by increasing the duty on Spirits and Tobacco.

5. I ought further to report to Y.L. that it was decided, at the meeting of Leg. Co. on the 4th inst. a copy of the orders of the day of which meeting is transmitted herewith as Enclosure IV, in reference to the item of Revenue "Commonage" under head "Rents of Government Property" to postpone until the meeting of the Council on the 21st inst. further consideration in Committee of the Bill "to provide for the better protection of property in Stanley and injury from the trespassing of animals within the Town", to enable reliable information to be obtained as to the proper charges to be made for licences for the pasturing of animals within the fenced in land; and that therefore the same item of £60 should be inserted on the Estimates for next year. This is not an overestimate of the amount which should be received if the charges are made such as all the inhabitants are able to pay.
The other votes submitted for approval by the Ex. Co. were passed on explanations being given by me with reference to each.
The vote of £22 11. 7. for an asst Gardener & Labourer I was under the necessity of asking for owing to the inconvenient arrangement which I found to exist, by which one

of the Gov. Carters was employed as Labourer for Gov. House to bring in Peat & Coal. This duty took him away from his regular ~~duty~~ attendance as Carter for Public works. The Horsekeeper for Gov House who used to perform this duty was abolished by Gov Goldsworthy but if the Governor of this Colony visits the different stations in the spring & Summer months as he ought to do, he ought to have his own horses for the purpose and not be under obligations to the Farmers for the use of their horses & it is my intention that to the offices of Asst Gardener & Labourer shall also be attached the additional one of Horsekeeper –

I have not provided for a Surveyor on the Estimate of next year until your L's wishes are known as to the sending out another such officer meanwhile provision will be made on the supplementary Estimate for this year for all expenses in connection with the employment of the late Corporal Hudson R. E –

6. I trust that I have supplied J. L. with all the necessary explanations on the draft Estimates now submitted, and I again express the hope that they will meet with your approval

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

G. H.
Stanley
5 Sept 1893

No. 95.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit to Y. L. for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon a full and duly authenticated copy of Ordinance No. VI of 1893 entitled "an Ordinance to provide for the Service of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the year 1894"

2. The explanations as to the several items of expenditure detailed in clause I of appropriation Ordinance are furnished in my despatch No. 94 of this date which I forwards to Y. L. the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1894.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

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No. 96.

G. H.
Stanley.
5 September 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward to Your Lordship for transmission to The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the accompanying Resolution, which has been passed on behalf of the Inhabitants of the Colony in the same terms by the Executive and Legislative Councils as a heart-felt expression of their deep sorrow on receiving the intelligence of the national loss of H.M.S. "Victoria."—

2. Besides the late gallant Admiral Tryon, the Chaplain, the Reo Samuel Morris, was another officer whose memory as a man and a Clergyman, is also endeared to many of the Inhabitants of Stanley.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

No. 94.

G. H.
Stanley
5 September 1893

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit to Y. L. for submission to Her Majesty, and to Y. R. Hs The Prince and Princess of Wales and The Duke and Duchess of York the accompanying Resolutions which have been passed in the Executive and Legislative Councils of this Colony on behalf of the Inhabitants expressive of their loyal and sincere congratulations on the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of York with H.S.H. Princess Victoria of Teck, and of their desire to join in the national rejoicings.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

No 98.

Q. H.
Stanley,
8 September 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit for Y. L's information copy of a letter which has been received from W. J. A. Young, Assistant Col Surgeon & Medical Officer and Asst Collector of Customs for West Falkland Island, tendering the resignation of these offices held by him, as from 1st March 1894.—

2. Dr Young has informed me by private letter that his wife's health is the chief reason for his relinquishment of his appointments under Government in this Colony, and he gives me to understand that he has received an offer of other employment by which he hopes to improve his prospects in his profession.

3. It gives me great pleasure to report to Y. L that Dr Young has given every satisfaction to the Government and to his other employers—the sheep farmers—in the performance of his duties. He has the reputation of being a clever medical man and an enthusiast in his profession.

4. I observe from Gov. Kerr's despatch No. 91 of 18 July 1887 that particulars of the Office of Asst Col Surgeon were furnished then, but I have been unable to find copies either in this office

office or in the Secretariat. I have therefore requested the Col Secretary to communicate with the chairman of the Committee for the farmers on the West Falklands to ascertain if the arrangements as to the contributions from the different sheep stations on Keal Island will continue the same as on Mr Young's appointment. When I am in possession of that information I shall by next mail forward fresh particulars of office as required by para: 74 of the C. O. Rules and Regulations.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

No. 99.

G. H.
Stanley
9th September 1873.

My Lord,

With reference to the second para. of your Lordships despatch No. 58 of the 15th July, I have the honor to enclose a list in original prepared by the Store Keeper of all the stores on hand belonging to the Government on the 24th ultimo when Stock was taken. These stores have been certified by the Store Keeper to be all in good condition.—

2. The provision made for their custody is found in what is locally called the "Dock Yard" which covers an area of several acres at the west end of the Town between the front (Ross) Road and the sea enclosed with a substantial wooden paling and within which are the Saluting Battery, a large two storied Building known as the Government Store, the Store Keeper's Quarters the Government Pilots Quarters, presently used as a Guard Room, and two other buildings, one a carpenters shop and the other a Blacksmith's.
In the front portion of the Government Store on the ground floor are Repl coal and the Light house Stores, and behind, seperated by a strong wooden partition, is a large space at present empty which has always been used and known as the Queen's (Bonded) Warehouse

Or

on the upper floor is the Store Keepers office where some of the Stores on the list are kept such as glass, crockery, clothing &c belonging to the Police and Pilot Services; and the remainder of the large floor is used for a general store. The only stores which are kept outside are those which exposure to the weather does not injure, such as stone ware, drain pipes &c.

3. I have examined the issue and receipt books kept by the Store Keeper and the neat & careful manner in which they are kept reflects the greatest credit on this officer who in his combined offices of Sheriff, Chief Constable, Chief Customs Officer, Store Keeper and Inspr of Nuisances, performs his duties so intelligently and conscientiously as to be justly deserving of commendation.—

4. I beg to refer Y. L. to my despatch No. 86 of the 16th August on the subject of keeping of the Store A/cs and more particularly to para 5 of that despatch as to the system of issuing stores which is strictly enforced.

5. I have the honor for Y. L's information to enclose a copy of the requisition referred to which is invariably signed by the Col. Sec., and, if thought necessary, countersigned by myself.—

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

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G. H.
Stanley
9 Sept 1893.

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My Lord,

I have the honor to ack: the receipt of Y. L. despatch No. 149 of the 3rd July. transmitting copy of a letter from Mr. James Smith, urging the Disestablishment of the Church of England in the Falkland Islands, together with the memorandum drawn up in the C. O. for my information

2 I beg now to report as therein directed as follows:-

1st as to the statements contained in Mr Smith's letter. I can only say with reference to this letter generally that it is a deliberate misrepresentation of facts from begining to end, and I am unable to account for the object the writer of it had in making such an absurd and distorted statement of the facts as they exist.

To begin with the Church of England is not established in this Colony any more than the Roman Catholic Church or the Baptist Church, beyond the fact that the Col chaplain's salary is provided for on the annual Estimates, while the other clergyman of the Church of England is designated as an Assistant "Minister". This designation was I presume purposly given to him because his ministrations are chiefly for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Camps of the Islands who

who were I believe baptized Scotch Presbyterian like Mr Smith himself. Mr Smith, however until a few years ago was one of the leading members in Stanley of the Church of England and left it I understand because he got employment as a Carpenter in the erection of the Baptist Tabernacle. It is a well known fact that the children of the Scotch Presbyterians in the camp have for many years past been baptized as members of the Church of England; and the Parents much prefer accepting the ministrations of the clergy of the Church of England to those of the only honcomf minister who belongs to the Baptist sect.
The Estimate of this year shews that a sum of £400 is voted for salaries of the two clergymen of the Church of England — not £600 as represented by Smith. The Colonial Chaplain like ministers of other denominations recov the marriage fees provided in Schedule to ordinance I of 1858.—
A sum of £10 is provided on the annual estimate for the Sexton but he acts for all denominations.—
The sum of £8, inserted on the Estimate for lighting and warming Christ Church was voted on condition that seats were reserved for all Government employés.—

2. With regard to the details of any aid given directly or indirectly to the Church Engl

S of S asks if any aid was given to any other Religious body
The Govt found the labour to build the Roman c chapel
see p 185 of book 16 W. G.W.

England in the building of Christ Church —
The only aid given by the Government was the site and, as stated in the memorandum from the Colonial office the sand and stone having been obtained from Crown Lands without the payment of the usual royalty.
The like privilege was not asked for in the case of the building of the Roman Catholic Church as it is a wooden structure nor in the erection of the Baptist Tabernacle as it is an iron one, but it would have been granted in both cases if required —

3rd Whether in my opinion there is any general wish for the withdrawal of the Colonial contributions given to the Church of England and to the Roman Catholic Church —
I can not conscientiously say that there is no such wish among the inhabitants of the Colony and I believe I am making an accurate statement when I add with regard to Stanley that the only other inhabitant I know of who might wish the withdrawal of the Colonial contribution to the Church of England is the Colonial Surgeon. This gentleman has informed me that he is a member of the Church of England, but since I have been in the Colony, I have not seen him in it, except on the occasion of the funeral of the late Surveyor. S. Hamilton generally attends the Baptist Church —

3. Personally I should be extremely sorry to see the Colonial Contribution withdrawn from the Church of England or from the Roman Catholic Church; but I should be glad to see further aid given to the Roman Catholic Church. The present Priest in charge is a man liked and esteemed by all denominations. I should be glad also to see a Colonial contribution to a Non conformist Clergyman but to make it of use and popular in the Colony it should be made to a Scotch Presbyterian Minister.—

4. On receipt of your Lordships despatch of the 3rd July I addressed confidential letters to Colonial Chaplain, the Rev. Father O Grady, the Rev. P. Murphy, Baptist Minister, asking them for information as to the present numbers of the members of their respective denominations and for any further information respecting the present position of their Churches. I have the honor to submit for H. E.'s information copies of the replies which I have received from the Clergymen named.—

26 Aug 7 Sept 3.

5. I have carefully examined the Census Papers of 1881, when the religious denominations of the people were taken and allowing for increase of the population since that date I consider that I am making a fair statement when I give the following figures of the population at this date dividing it into 3 religious denominations:—

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Church of England 1,260
(including Presbyterians who accept the ministrations of that Church, & whose children have been baptized in the C of E)

Roman Catholics 300

Non Conformists 229
1,789

In support of this division I have the Honor to enclose also a Return compiled from the Census Papers of 1861 shewing the religious denominations of the Colony at that date. These figures, without further remark, completely contradict Mr Smith's statement that the Non conformists excluding the Roman Catholics outnumber the Church of England members as 3 is to 2.—

I have &c
(Sd) Geo Melville

Gov Goldsworthy contradicts all this p 426
W. GW

G. H.
Stanley
11 September 1893

No. 101

My Lord,

I have the honor to ack: the receipt on this date of Y. Lr. despatch No. 59 of the 25th July and to acquaint you that immediately on its receipt I caused instructions to be given to the Col: Postmaster to countermand any orders which he may have given to the Agent of the "Kosmos" S. S. Coy here, with reg to steps being taken to prevent the disembarkation by their Steamers of any mails at Hav during the statistical period of accounts for the working of Mail Services.

2. I have also requested that the Colonial Postmaster be furnished with a copy of the letter from the General P. Office of 19 enclosed in your Lordship's despatch, for his future guidance.

3. I am glad to learn from the Col Postmaster that he has not notified the agent of the Kosmos Co. not to land mails at Hav during November next which is the Statistical period.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

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Acknowledged 20 November, 1893.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 12 *day of* September 1893.

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatch. 1893	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
89	21 Aug	Vaccination Failure of Lymph	one
90	22 .	Wreck "Concordia"	five
91	25 "	As to underestimate of Savings Bank Funds	three
92	29 .	Maps for Imperial Institute	one
93	. .	Forwarding Correspondence Re S. Georgia	two.
94	5 Sept	Estimates for 1894	eleven
95	. .	Ordinance II of 1893	eight
96	. .	Resolution of Council	one
97	. .	. . .	three
98	8 .	Resignation of Asst Col Sec	one
99.	9 .	Condition of P. W. Stores	two
100	. .	Re-disestablishment of Church of England	three
101	11 .	Landing mails at Havre —	nil

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G. H.
Stanley
11 September 1893

No. 102.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that I have on this date forwarded the following telegram to J. L. thro' Her Majesty's Consul General at Monte Video.

Harmonized Inhabitants of	Colony	Cockmatch offer Congratulations on
Snapper Royal Wedding	Rebels express Sorrow at	Incumbency loss of
Infringing H. M. S.	Victoria	Pliability Resolutions of
Contrasted Legislative Council	Esurient following	

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

103.

Ack receipt of circular Despatches 20th July 1893
72 "

G. H.
Stanley.
11 September 1893

No. 104

My Lord.

I have the honor to ack: the receipt of your Despatch No. 60 of the 5 August last acquainting me that you had on that date forwarded thro' H. M's Consul General at Monte Video, the following telegram.
"Tell fistulides arstime goldsworthy pubesiemen

2. In reply I have the honor to acquai Y. L. that up to date no such telegram has been received by me.

3. I have also the honor to acknowledge receipt of the following telegram thro Her Majesty's Minister at Monte Video.
"Tell — Have Falklands on arrival of Goldsw

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

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No. 105.

G. H.
Stanley
12 September 1893

My Lord,

With reference to my despatch No. 86 of the 16 August I have the honor to transmit for your Lordships information copy of a letter which has been received by this mail from Mr Robert Blake with regard to the portions of land which Messrs Holmstead & Blake are prepared to surrender to the Government to be put up by it for sale by Public auction

August 1893

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

No. 106

G. H.
Stanley,
12 September 1893

My Lord,

With reference to the 9th para: of my despatch No. 61 of the 19th June and to the 2nd para: of Y. L's despatch No. 43 of the 28th May. I have the honor to report for your information and approval that I have this day, pending your Lordship's decision as to the renewal of the lease of the Carcass and Jason Islands which expired yesterday granted to Mr Hansen a Licence of occupancy for one year from this date a copy of which I have the honor to enclose.

12 Sep 1893

2. Split Island included in this Licence is held on annual tenancy which also expired yesterday

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

No. 107 A&R receipt of Despatches No. 59 of 25 July
60 " 5 Aug
General " 22d July
(Consuls' Reports &c) Library, 20 "
(Sunday Labour in " 24 "
Colonies, further papers)

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108.

G. H.
Stanley
20th Sept 1893.

My Lord,

with reference to para: 8 of my despatch No 89 of the 21 August, I have the honor to acquaint J. L. that I have brought the Board of Health for this Colony into existence again by appointing the following gentlemen as members:

The Hon'ble I. I. Fellow M.L.C.
The Clergy (3) in charge for the time being in Stanley of the Church of England, Roman Catholic & Baptist denominations, and
Mr. Thomas Sharp.

2. The above are in addition to the President and Colonial Secretary, named in the Law, and they, before being appointed assured me of their willingness to serve on this Board.

3. I have asked the President to endeavour to fix a day in each month and an hour most convenient to all, when as I have expressed the hope to him, the Board will meet with the desire to aid and assist the Government by its valuable suggestions to improve the sanitary condition of the Town

I have &c

Geo Melville.

G. N.
Stanley
20 Sept 1893

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My Lord,

Referring to the 4th para: of my despatch No 58 of the 17 June, I have now the honour to transmit for your Lordship's information copies of Regulations of the F. I. Volunteer Corps with appendix as to number of drills & the musketry course required for efficiency, which have been framed from the Volunteer Regulations issued under the authority of the War office by a Board of Officers.—

2 These regulations &c have been approved by me as they meet the requirements of clauses 8 & 11 of Ord V of 1893.—

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

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110.

G. H.
Stanley
21 Sept 1893

My Lord.

I have the honor to transmit for Y L's information copies of an order which was passed in Ex Co on the 20th instant.-

2. The settlement of the Accounts in connection with the wreck of the German Ship "Concordia" brought to light the prohibitively high charges for warehouse rent which were in force under the Scale approved on the 12 November 1885 - a copy of which is attached.—

3. I have been unable to trace the former Scale of which the one of November 1885 is presumably an amended one.-
From the rents in this Scale being made chargeable for a week or part of a week it would be inferred that they have been taken from a Scale of Charges for a Customs Baggage Shed.
I have a recollection of a similar Scale of Charges which was in force in Sierra Leone about 20 years ago for the convenience of passengers arriving by the mail and who had to find a residence.

L.K.

4. The Scale now submitted for approval has been framed at my request by the Collector of Custom in accordance with the provisions of clause 22 of Ordinance V of 1891; and the charges are based very much on those in force in B. Honduras

5. The draft Scale was, before being approved in Exc Council, referred to the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, for their remarks and they being both Importers and business men expressed the opinion that the Scale now in force is fair and reasonable and such as to induce I[illegible] to take advantage of the Queens Warehouse

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

111.

G. N.
Stanley
21 Sept 1893

My Lord

With reference to the correspondence noted on the margin, I have the honor to request that Mr Brooms original declaration which accompanied Goo Goldsworthy's despatch No 1240 of the 5 Nov 1892 may be forwarded to the Board of Trade who have asked that the same may be supplied by this Government as a voucher for the payment.—

2. a copy of the declaration is herewith forwarded for record at the C. O.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

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G. H.
Stanley
20 Sept 1893

My Lord.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for Y. L's information the report of a Coporal's Board of Survey held on the Treasury chest which I directed to be made this day.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

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Sy. H.

Stanley.
26 Sept 1893.

My Lord.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the signification of H. M's pleasure thereon a full and exact copy, duly authenticated under the Public Seal of this Colony and by my signature, of Ord VII of 1893 entitled "an Ord to provide for the better protection of property in Stanley against injury from the trespassing of animals within the Town"—

2.

2. The necessity of a Pound Ordinance was brought about by the completion of the fencing in of the Town from the "commonage" and the provisions of the several clauses thereof are further explained in the Report on the Ordinance by the Legal Advisor to the Government which is also herewith submitted

Sept 1893.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Neelville

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G. H.
Stanley
26 Sept 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to your Lordship's despatch No 43 of the 23rd May and to mine Nos 61 & 68 of the 19th & 26th June respectively, I have the honor to transmit copy of a Memorandum by the Colonial Secretary setting forth the action taken by the Government to give effect to the instructions contained in the 3rd para: of Y. L's despatch above quoted.—

26 Sept 1893
Enclosure A

2. I sent for Luckhardt on the 22nd instant and asked him why he had not taken the £100 which he had paid for his Licence and which the Treasurer had received authority to refund to him. He gave me to understand that his friends advised him that if he accepted the £100 it would prejudice any claim he might have against the Government for compensation not being allowed to kill seals up to a number not exceeding 500.—

3. Having regard to the fact that Luckhardt has been made use of throughout in the matter of this sealing licence and that he had every reason to expect under the licence issued to him in March that he would be enabled to kill 500 seals, I deem it expedient and equitable to hand over to him the skins which have been detained in the Government Store.—

4. The Seal skins - 15 in number one having been lost overboard - which were taken by Luchtenburg after he was fully aware that his Licence had been cancelled, I have handed over to Mr Hansens agent as there can be no question of doubt as to whose property they are.-

5. I attach for your Lordships information copy of a receipt given by Luchtenburg for the skins of the seals killed by him on his first visit to the Prince Islands; also copy of the letter addressed to Luchtenburg by the Acting Collector of Customs, together with the claim of Mr Hansens agent for the 16 skins made on the evidence enclosed in his letter, and his receipt for 15 skins

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6. I think it right to report to Y.L. that Mr Hansen reported by one of the last homeward direct steamers the skins of seals which her men killed on Elephant Island on the occasion of Luchtenburgs first visit in March & April last. They did so in the hope of driving Luchtenburg away and also because Mr Hansen considered that she had no legal right to kill seals on her land.
Her men however have not killed any seals since that date in accordance with the promise which Mr Hansen made to me in May.-

I have &c

(sd) Geo Melville

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G. H.
Stanley
27 Sept 1893.

115.
Medical Fees

My Lord. ans by No 93 of 8 Dec 1893

I have the honor to transmit to J. L. copies of an amended Scale of Fees to be taken by the Government Medical Officers of this Colony which was passed and approved at a meeting of the Ex Co on Wednesday the 20th instant —

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2. The necessity for a further amendment of this Scale arose from the Col Treas having submitted a voucher for the payment to the Col Surgeon of an amt for mileage from Stanley to Leal Suleiman a distance of 36 miles, at the rate of 3/6 mile for which there was no authority, but the information received on the subject verbally from the Col Surgeon.—

3. In a conversation with me the Colonial Surgeon asked if he might send in a claim for mileage in connection with his visit to the late Surveyor Hudson and remarked that he believed the rate was 3/6 per mile not having seen then the Scales of Fees which have been approved for the Medical Officers requested him to make out his claim according to the customary rate —

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28 april 1888

4. In looking into the matter I found that the Scale, approved in 1888, I believe the first, had been amended and presumably cancelled so far as it relates to the Col Surgeon by a later one passed in 1892 in which there was no provision for mileage.—

17 June 1892

I however ordered the payment for mileage to be made in accordance with the Scale of 1888; but as a matter of fact there were two Scales of Fees in force, those of 1888 for the Asst Col Surgeon & the other of 1892 for the Colonial Surgeon.—
The Scale now passed rectifies this complicated state of matters & cancels & annuls the Scales of Fees passed in 1888 & 1892

I have &c

(sd) Geo Melville

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G. H.
Stanley
28 Sept 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit for y. L's information Rules, which were in the first instance drafted by the Chief Constable for the guidance of the F. I. Police and which after some slight amendments have been approved by me.

2. As will be seen, these Rules have been prepared for the guidance of the Constables in the performance of their several duties as Police, Customs & Sanitary Officers, and I trust that they will meet with y. L's approval —

I have &c

(sd) Geo Melville.

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G. H.
Stanley
2 October 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Report on the Survey of the Col: Chest for the quarter ended 30 Sept together with a certificate of Quarterly Survey showing the receipts and disbursements of the Colony during the same period

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

G. H.
3 October 1893.

See page 383.

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My Lord.

Referring to para: 4 of my despatch No. 98 of the 8 Sept I have now the honor to transmit to Y. L. the Particulars of Office of the Asst Col Surgn of this Colony together with a memorandum setting forth the contributions which are guaranteed by the different Sheep farmers in the West Falkland Island and by their married and unmarried employés.

Certified Copy

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

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Y. H.
Stanley
4 October 1893

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit herewith for Y. L's information as required by Rule 248 of the Colonial Office Rules & Regulations the return of all changes in offices and appointments for the Quarter ended 30 September.-

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

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Y. H.
Stanley
11th October 1893

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit herewith for Y. L's information a transcript of the minutes of the proceedings of the Ex Co from 5th ult to the 11th instant

I have &c

Geo Melville.

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G. H.
Stanley
3rd October 1893

My Lord

Referring to para. 4 of my despatch No. 98 of the 8th September. I have now the honor to transmit to Y. L. the particulars of office of the Assistant Col Surgeon of this Colony together with a memorandum setting forth the contributions which are guaranteed by the different sheep farmers on West Falkland Island and by their married and unmarried employés

2. A copy of the heads of an agreement which the Asst Col Surgeon will have to enter into on his arrival in the Colony with the Farmers Medical Association on the West Falkland Island is enclosed also a copy of a letter from the Hon. Secretary of that body pointing out the necessity of Dr Young's successor being in residence by 1st March. To enable him to do so it will be necessary that he should have England by the January mail so as to arrive here in February.

3. Candidates for this office must necessarily be good horsemen accustomed to long hours in the saddle at a stretch, but if I may suggest to your Lordship, in order

that

that anyone appointed to this vacancy may be armed with all information as to the place, camp and manner of life of a medical man in this Colony, he should be referred to Mr. F. S. Cobb of the F. I. Co London who from his long personal experience in the Islands is most competent to advise

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

121.

G. H.
Stanley
11 October 1893

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward to your Lordship for transmission to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty an application for the good conduct medal which I have received from Sergeant Instructor Quinlan R.M. through the Captain Commandant of the F.I. Volunteer Corps, for the favourable consideration by the Marine Department.

2. I have great pleasure in supporting the recommendation of the Commanding Officer of the Volunteers. Sergeant Quinlan has shown himself to be a most competent Instructor and from my own personal knowledge I consider him to be a non-Commissioned officer of most ~~rep~~ exemplary character and deserving of this recognition of his services

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the ~~Governor~~ Administrator of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 11th *day of* October 1893

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
108	20 Sept	Members of BO of Health	
9	"	Volunteer Regulations	6
110	21 "	Warehouse Charges	3
1	" "	Declaration by Broome	1
2	25 "	Surprise, Survey of Chest	1
3	26 "	Ordnance VII	9
4	" "	Luchtenbergs Licence	2
5	27 "	Scale of Fees for Medical Officers	8
6	28 "	Constables Duties	6
7	2 Oct	Survey of Chest	2
8	3 "	Particulars of Office Asst Col Surgeon	4
9	4 "	Changes in Office	1
120	~~9~~ 11th	Minutes of Bx Co	1
1	11 "	application of Sergeant Quinlan	1

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Government House,
Stanley. 14 October 1892

My Lord,

I have the honour to report to your lordship that I arrived here on this day and have re-assumed the administration of the Government of this Colony.

I have &c.
(Signed) R.T. Goldsworthy,
Governor.

The Rt Honble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
Downing Street.

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Government House,
Stanley. 17 October 1892

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform your lordship that in view of the departure of Mr Routledge for England, it is my intention to appoint the present Colonial Treasurer, Mr C.A. Fraser, to act as Colonial Secretary and Police Magistrate, Mr C.W. Hill, who now holds the office of Government Clerk to act as Colonial Treasurer.

These gentlemen have agreed to perform the duties of these offices without cost to the public for six weeks for which period I have granted Mr Routledge vacation leave.

2. I would ask your lordship favourably to consider the claims of these officers to the permanent appointments of Colonial Secretary and Colonial Treasurer at the salaries of £450 and £300 respectively. The saving thus effected of £200 might be utilised towards the payment of the services of a gentleman with legal training on a salary of £400 per annum and a designation of Chief Magistrate and Legal Adviser in place of the higher sounding title of Judge.

3. I have suggested these alterations, it having been conclusively proved to my mind that the offices of Colonial Secretary and

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judge should not be held by one and the same person.

I have, &c.
(Sd/) R.T. Goldsworthy.
Governor.

R. Hon'ble
the Marquess of Ripon K.G.
" " "

No. 124.

Government House.
Stanley. 17 October, 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to your Lordship's despatch No. 72 of the 9th ultimo informing me of the appointment of Mr. T. Creegan to the post of Land Surveyor, I have the honour to report his arrival on the 14th instant.

The Most Hon'ble
the Marquess of Ripon K.G. &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy.
Governor.

No. 125.

Government House.
Stanley. 19 October, 1893

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have forwarded the following telegram to you through Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General at Monte Video.

The Most Hon'ble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
Downing Street.

CHANGEABLY ABROGATES FILATORY

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy.
Governor.

No. 126.

Government House.
Stanley 19 October, 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to your Lordship's despatch No. 68 of the 9th September I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Baillon in which he expresses his regret that your Lordship should have taken such

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 17th *day of* October, 1893.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
122.	14 Oct.	Reassumption by Sir R. T. Goldsworthy of the administration of the government. Reports.	
123.	17 Oct.	Acting appointments and proposed alteration in offices on the departure of the Colonial Secretary and Judge. Reports.	

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such a serious view of his action in exporting sealskins under a false designation.

The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsw

No. 127.

Government House,
Stanley. 27 October, 18

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 67 of the 2nd September informing me that you had received Administrator Mellish's despatch No. 67 of the 23rd June enclosing a memorial from Mr. Foster complaining that he could not get a fair trial by the Judge of the Falkland Is. of an action which he desired to institute against Mr. Bailton, the manager of the Falkland Islands Company for alleged slander.

2. Mr. Foster is at present absent from the Colony but should he return I will communicate to him the terms of paragraph 2 of your Lordship's despatch and acknowledgment.

3. I forwarded a copy of paragraphs 2 and 3 to Mr. Routledge prior to his departure from the Colony.

The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsw
Governor.

No. 128.

Government House,
Stanley. 27 October, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 66 of the 1st September and to inform your Lordship that I have conveyed the contents of your despatch to Mr. Wickham Spearman.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Most Honble.
The Marquess of Ripon, K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 129.

Government House,
Stanley. 27 October, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 64 of the 30th August informing me that certain schedules acknowledging despatches had been numbered contrary to the instructions of Circular despatch of the 9th Decr last and to state that I will take care that the error made by Administrator Melville's late Private Secretary is not repeated.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon, K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 130.

Government House,
Stanley. 28 October, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 69 of

of the 9th September replying to administr[illegible] Melville's cablegram reporting the death of La[illegible] Corporal Hudson and enclosing a copy of a le[illegible] dated 4th September from his mother.

2. I have to inform your Lordship that the salary due to Mr. Hudson at the time of his death was £20.

3. The total sum belonging to the deceased amounts to £40.10.11 as will be seen from the enclosed account and for which I enclose a draft on the Crown Agents.

4. The effects are being sent by this mail to the care of the Cro[illegible] Agents.

The Most Honble.
The Marquess of Ripon
" " " K.G.
Downing Street.

I have, &c,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsw[illegible]
Governor.

No. 131.

Government House,
Nicosia. 2 November

My Lord,

Mr. Blake to Mr. Wingfield. 22.2.93

With reference to the enclosure in your Lordship's despatch No. 68 of 9th Septem[illegible] a reference to the Colonial Secretary's (Mr. Routledge) letter of the 15th February to which Mr. Blake makes reference, wi[illegible] show how by the substitution of the wor[illegible] "are" for "were" Mr. Blake endeavours to make it appear that whilst writing on thing to him I am doing the contra[illegible] and trying to throw dust into his [illegible] In Mr. Routledge's letter Mr. Blake [illegible] referred to previous correspondence [illegible]

Col. Sec. 15 February 1893.

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which he was told what my original intention was in not issuing sealing licences in 1892 in order that he might realise how the action of Mrs. Hansen or those acting in her behalf in sealing without a licence had neutralised my efforts "to protect the sealing industry "by allowing the propagation of their "species."

2. It was, my Lord, because I saw how easily others might follow Mrs. Hansen and how useless all my efforts to protect the industry would be, should they so act, that I determined to re-issue licences, as in this manner there would at least be some controlling influence as the number to be killed might be limited and the revenue would benefit to the extent of the payment in respect of the licence (vide my despatch No. 25 of 7 March 1893).

3. Mr. Blake correctly quotes my words regarding the Carcass lease, and I had every intention of renewing it as the correspondence will I think show. It was not until the sealing occurrence that I told Mr. Blake, acting for Mrs. Hansen, on the 15th February through the Colonial Secretary that "failing a "proper explanation of the seals having "been killed and shipped, Mrs. Hansen will "be notified that the Government will resume "occupation of the Carcass and Jasons Islands."

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy.
Governor.

Most Hon'ble.
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
Downing Street.

No. 132.

Government House,
Stanley. 6 November, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 7 of the 9th ultimo and with reference thereto to forward a copy of a correspondence noted on the margin regarding the detention by this Government of sealskins obtained by J. Luchtemborg and claimed by Wm. Kirwan.

26-31 Oct. 93 and replies by C.S. thereto

The Most Hon'ble.
The Marquess of Ripon
" " K.C. "
Downing Street.

I have &c.
(Signed.) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworth
Governor.

No. 133.

Government House,
Stanley. 9 November, 1893.

My Lord,

On perusing Administrator Melville's despatches No. 61 and 68 of the 19th and 26th June respectively and their enclosures I see certain statements have been put forward which I have been desirous of confirming or otherwise as they appeared to be contrary to the reports that came to my knowledge subsequent to the illicit exportation by Mr. Baillon of sealskins in the "Pentan

2 Mr. Routledge in his report states "I am informed that it was on h "(the agent's) suggestion that the skins "were entered as hides" but he failed give his informant's name. A perusa however of Mr. Baillon's letter of 26th Ju sufficiently demonstrates whence the information was derived, but Mr. R

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thought it preferable, it seems to me, to leave your Lordship to infer that the information came from some other party than Mr. Baillon and thus strengthen a very weak case. Why too was not Mr. Schlottfeldt asked when in the witness box "did you or did you "not suggest the substitution of the word "hides" for "sealskins"", it is only sometime afterwards that Mr. Baillon recollects the conversation which took place.

3. Mr. Routledge likewise took no pains to find out whether or not Mr. Schlottfeldt denied or otherwise Mr. Baillon's statement but I have taken upon myself to do so and leave it to your Lordship to decide between the two very opposite statements from the enclosures herein forwarded.

I have &c.,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy.
Governor.

Most Hon'ble
the Marquess of Ripon K.G. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 134.

Government House,
Stanley, 9 November, 1893.

My Lord,

By this mail, I am sending through Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at Monte Video the following cablegram:- Despatch 10 August, "return as soon as possible Ordnance Survey "Instruments".

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2. The necessity of cabling has arisen from the fact that all the instruments (list attached) brought out by Lance Corporal Hudson, R.E. on loan to this Government from the Ordnance Survey

Survey Department have been sent to England

3. I cannot inform your Lordship why these instruments were returned, seeing that those belonging to the Government with the exception of a standard theodolite, too cumbersome for carriage are out of order and are being forwarded to the Crown Agents for repair by this mail; but perhaps the enclosure herewith may throw some light on the matter. Why however any doubt should have arisen in Administrator Melville's mind as evidenced by the Colonial Treasurer's minute, in the enclosure referred to, as to the services of a Surveyor not being required I cannot understand more especially looking to your Lordship's despatch No. 16 of 31 January wherein you state "I am "taking steps to obtain the services of a Surveyor "which will be required for surveying the "lands put up for sale, &c." and in view of the subsequent arrival of Corporal Hudson to carry out such surveys.

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4. The delay which must ensue in consequence will be serious and the desire I had of expediting matters on my arrival and of getting the land put up for sale cannot be fulfilled for we are now at a standstill and shall be till the necessary surveying instruments arrive from England.

5. I cannot understand likewise why whilst Corporal Hudson was alive the freeholds were commenced to be surveyed whilst the more important survey of the lands proposed to be surrendered was deferred. The sections proposed to be given up by Captain Packe m

have been taken in hand first, for it is evident that until a survey has been made, the Government will be entirely in the dark as also will the General public, amongst whom will be the bidders, as to what acreage of the land will be put up for sale.

6. Meanwhile it is advisable that the Government should know the nature of the land offered for surrender, and I have therefore drawn up a series of questions for a Committee comprising the acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. Robson (a sheep farmer who is not required to give up any land and therefore may be supposed to be unbiassed) and another farmer, to report thereon. Mr. Felton, M.L.C., whom I asked to sit declines for the following reasons namely, "that the unsettled state of the Land Question "will necessarily require a deal of my time in "the Camp, independent of which my present "position entails duties which are constantly "bringing me in collusion with various "portions of the community which I would "much prefer to lessen than increase." I hope however to secure Mr. George Felton in his brother's place.

Series of Questions

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Right Honble.
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

P.S. Since writing the foregoing, I have received your Lordship's despatch No. 76 of 26 September which will enable the survey of the lands proposed to be surrendered to be undertaken by the arrival of the surveying instruments.

(Initialed) R. T. G.

No 135.

Government House,
Stanley. 10 November, 1893

My Lord,

ans by No 12 of 15 Jan 94

As on the last occasion but one when I visited the Colonial Office, Mr Longfield seemed to consider that Mr Hansen had been harshly treated by myself and so expressed himself, let me ask your Lordship to peruse the correspondence shewing my action from the inception of the question by Mr Blake his Attorney.

2. As the correspondence has already been forwarded home, I will as briefly as I can summarize what has taken place since the receipt of Mr Blakes first letter dated November 14. 1891 where he says "the lease of Carcass and other islands "held under very peculiar conditions "I understand that the late Governor "Gave him to understand that on its "expiration the lease would not be "renewed" × × ×. He then proceeds "I find myself left sole executor "to the estate much to my astonishment "My object in writing now is to appeal to your "Excellency's feelings of generosity and "kindness and beg you to allow Mr Hansen "when the present lease expires to obtain "a fresh lease for Carcass Island for "grazing purposes only" I ask only for Carcass Island because it is possible "your Excellency may wish to resume "some of the other islands." Again in the same letter he writes "I have known "the late Charles Hansen for 18 years I believe "although he was a man who had little "or any education that he was thoroughly "straightforward. I confess his manner "always put my back up, he would "mix and intermingle the Bible

"such an objectionable way; he has saved
"many lives often at the risk of his own".
"I trust your Excellency will grant my
"request otherwise Mr. Hansen will be left
"entirely without support."

3 At a Meeting of the Executive Council on the 14th December this letter was read and " after some discussion it was "decided that an offer be made that if the "present lease of Carcass and Jason Islands "be surrendered a new lease of Carcass "Island would be granted reserving 100 "acres with suitable harbour frontage for "the use of a lessee of the Jason islands".
A letter, dated 14 December was written by the Acting Colonial Secretary (Mr. Sanguinetti) to this effect and it further stated "In "the existing lease you are doubtless "aware that there is a condition that "Government is not liable at the expira-"tion of the Lease to make compensation "for the cost of improvements. This clause "will also be added in the new lease; but "if the lease is transferred there will be "no objection to the incoming tenant being "required to pay to the heirs of Hansen the "value of the improvements, subject however "to the approval by the Government of the "person to whom the licence is transferred.
"As regards houses and improvements on "the Jason Islands these will be taken over "by Government but no compensation will be "granted".
In reply Mr. Blake on the 26th December writes "I desire now to thank your Excellency "for the prompt way in which you granted "my request on behalf of Mrs. Hansen for "the renewal of the lease of Carcass Island "under certain conditions. I trust your

Excellency

"Excellency will not think me in any w
"presuming when you see what my further
"request contains". When I wrote on the
"14th November I was under the impress
"that in any case the lease would run f
"18 months and it never struck me that
"Your Excellency's Executive Council wou
"wish for the lease of the Carcass and the
"Jasons to be surrendered immediately
After touching on the question of seals
and stating that they did not exist
on the Grand and Steeple Jasons, and
objecting to a sealing licence being
granted "as the ordinance stands at
"present" he adds "I took it for
"granted the lease for the Jasons woul
"only be called in or lapse through
"time, during that time I should on
"behalf of Mr. Hansen have made
"Your Excellency however has met me so gen
"and granted my request so readily that
"entirely disarmed and have agreed to tr
"to your perfect sense of right. There are so
"many who know as much about this fisher
"as I happen to do. There are no seal on Gra
"or Steeple Jason or on Carcass Island and
"these islands are of no value to any one w
"merely goes in for the seal fishery, the sea
"are all on other land. (the underlining is ne

From the foregoing it seems clear that the
Lease of Grand or Steeple Jasons was not requ
there being no seals on them, but Mr. Blake
admits for the next eighteen months he w
have "made hay" on the rest of the group.

4. In April 1892 the Mana
of the Falkland Islands Company (Mr. Bai
wrote asking that a renewal of a licen
kill seal on the Jason Islands might
granted to Mr. Hansen, this letter w

in Executive Council and "after considerable "discussion it was decided that no further" "licences should issue but that an Ordinance" "should be introduced protecting the seal "fisheries with a view to time being given "for this industry to recover and allowing "compensation to be granted for existing "rights if any."
In my despatch No. 43 of the 5th April to Your Lordship's predecessor, I recommended "the introduction of immediate legislation "to protect the seals for such period as may "in the opinion of those conversant with the "subject be necessary to enable the seals to "recuperate, as was done in the case of the "penguins which are now once more very "numerous"; meanwhile pending Lord Knutsford's reply and on the advice of the Executive Council I stopped the issue of any further sealing licences. Thus in 1892 there were no licences issued.

5. In August last year I received an answer to my despatch saying that "I think it advisable to postpone "any legislation on the subject of the seal "fisheries of the Falkland Islands till the "arbitrators in the Behring's Sea Case have "made known their decision", but no reference was made to the legality or otherwise of the Government issuing licences.

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I proposed to adopt a similar course this year and not to issue any licences to seal, but it having come to my knowledge at the commencement of the present year that sealing had been carried on at the Jasons by Wm. Hansen without a licence and that some 532 seals had been killed it appeared to me, a doubtful, for the better protection of the seals, to re-issue the sealing licences, the more

so that we were loosing revenue by not doing
and seals were being destroyed just the same
Mr Blake, as executor to the estate of Captain
Hansen, was also written to saying that seal
having taken place on the Jasons by Mr. Hansen
without a licence the lease of Carcass and
the Jasons would not be renewed.

Vide Enclosure in despatch 2'22 of 21 Feb: 93

6. I have taken the trouble
my, Lord, to recapitulate the circumstances
of this case as I find from an enclosure
to despatch No 61 of 19th June 1893 that
administrator Melville had sought to
throw an entirely different complexion
on the question of Mr. Hansen's lease
and the action in regard to the sealing
without a licence, by invoking the aid
of judge Routledge in criticising and
commenting on my despatches to your
Lordship, a very questionable proceeding
on the part of a locum tenens to the
permanent Governor, but doubly so
when Mr. Melville was aware of the
hostile attitude assumed by Mr.
Routledge towards myself. Let me ask
your Lordship carefully to peruse Mr.
Routledge's comments and having done
so I would ask your Lordship how far
it savours of a calm, unbiassed judicial
opinion, is it not rather the pleading of
Mr. Baillon's and Mr. Hansen's joint
counsel. Yes! when I issued the licence
to Luchtenborg, I was aware of Mr.
Bompas' opinion and I am not sensible
that in the licence to him I have
gone beyond it. I gave no permission
to enter on the lands. The wording
is to seal off the Jasons, not on the
Jasons as in that issued by Governor
Kerr in May 1891, and the memo.

is clearly shewn by what follows after "or within three miles of low water mark". It is true that I amended the draft licence which Mr. Routledge drew up in so far that I inserted the words "on the "shore of the Jason Islands or within 3 "miles of low water mark. I assumed, and not unnaturally, that Governor Kerr's experience was better than that of a Gentleman who on several occasions had shewn himself very inexperienced and, if your Lordship will excuse the expression, "green" in matters of government and I further considered that Mr. Bompas had given no definite opinion as to the right to kill on the shore for he remarks "I "think too that Captain Hansen's lease "would include the foreshore of the islands &c,". Mr. Routledge, I observe, comments "on American sealers having been in these "waters and even of their having landed "and stolen stock off the land belonging to "leaseholders". Knowing this why the apparently righteous indignation when one of the witnesses, Mr. J. Smith, in the enquiry as to the issuing of the sealing licence, remarked in answer to the following question from the Judge "are you "aware that Captain Hansen protected or "encouraged the breeding of the seal." "No", "but until the Ordinance was passed "protecting the seal during the close "season, Captain Hansen and the American "sealers killed all they could get hold of" "both in the breeding and shedding seasons "and from that time as far as I know Captain "Hansen took out yearly licences to kill". "It was a grave charge to make against the "Americans" remarked the Judge, yet, on the 16th January, five months before he had

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penned the before quoted words.
Strange too that the damning evidence of Mr James Smith as to Captain Hansen's and the Americans killing both in the breeding and "shedding seasons (the underlining is mine) appears only in Judge Routledge's notes as "Captain Hansen always killed seal during "the year and the Americans" after the word 'seal' in the Judge's notes the word 'both' has been struck out evidencing that he had heard the word which preceded "in the "breeding and shedding seasons" but these words if appearing in the evidence on oath would have directly contradicted the written assertions of Mr Blake and Mr Hansen as to the protection given by Captain Hansen to the seals, and I think my Lord that the facts stated in enclosed which bears on the subject and enclosures connected with question will sufficiently disprove the statements made by Administrator Melville in his despatch of 19 June, No. 6 as to the high character borne by Captain Hansen.

Mr Hansen's letter of 8 May '93. with marginal annotations by Sir R. T. Goods. worthy [illegible]

7. I have dwelt somewhat lengthily I fear on this question not with the view of influencing your Lordship in granting or otherwise to Mr Hansen a licence for the Carcass Islands, but because I cannot allow Mr Wingfield's remarks to pass unchallenged or statements to be made by Administrator Melville opposed to facts, which more or less directly impugn the correctness of what I have stated in my despatches home.

8. Administrator Melville on arrival here at once associated himself with Mr Routledge, entirely ignoring his Councillors, so much so that in an

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matter such as the enquiry under discussion he did not ask their advice as to the advisability of holding it. It needs no stretch of imagination to see that it was thought that this enquiry would elicit facts damaging to myself. I will say this that Administrator Melville may have blindly fallen into the trap laid for him were it not that he must have known that, disguise it as one may, it was an enquiry into my action - and whom did he appoint to hold the enquiry? a man who in the presence of my council had been told by me that he had acted as "a traitor" to myself as Governor. and whom Mr. Melville was well aware was in direct opposition to me. The other, Mr. Felton, was likewise in active opposition to my policy and to myself personally but the obligation, being a paid servant of the Government and therefore bound to be loyal to that Government, was not an obligation imposed upon him to the same extent that it was on Mr. Routledge. I only ask your Lordship to read the questions by Judge Routledge which elicited the evidence given by the various witnesses; could anything be clearer than that it was an attempt to involve me? Is, I ask, the "report" of the Commission, as to my having told Luchtemborg that he should have the Pasons Islands, justified by the evidence? Mr. Smith states in his evidence, as near as I can remember, exactly what I did say. I gave no promise that he should have the lease of the land when Mr. Hansen's expired, but I was willing to consider it, the reason for my not giving an explicit promise being that I should not, after Lord Knutsford's despatch No. 81 of 12 December 1891, have felt justified in leasing the Pasons to Luchtemborg without reference to the Secretary of State

Luchtemborg's

Luchtenborg's difficulty in understanding English may have originated the mistake under which he laboured - though he has since admitted to myself in presence of the acting Colonial Secretary that I had stated that I would refer the matter of the leasing to the secretary of state. This corroborates what Mr Smith stated in evidence and is supported by that of Mr Lellman. "He (Luchtenborg) said that when the lease was "up he might have the chance to get the lease "hold "his words were "when Mr Hansen's "lease expires I would probably get it".
Now Mr Routledge cites the evidence of Mr Smith "I wish Luchtenborg to understand "that I cannot give him the lease of the island "at present" as confirmatory that he had an unconditional promise. Mr Routledge in that spirit of calm and impartial enquiry by which he should have been animated ignores entirely the concluding part of Mr Smith's evidence. "He (i.e., the governor) "could not say positively that Luchtenborg "would have the Jesous as he had no doubt that "he would as he would correspond with the "Secretary of State on the subject." Mr Knowles notes continue "and he had no doubt he would get it as he was the first applicant. Why again is this latter portion omitted from the notes of Judge Routledge, merely I presume because it would have shewn that priority of application was not entirely ignored by me and was one reason, though not the only one, why I should preferentially, have considered Luchtenborg's claim.

9. I have written thus lengthily not only in support of statements previously stated by me but because a very one sided view has been taken by administrator Melville who took his cue apparently from

Mr. Routledge's report on my despatches, and further because there has been a suppressio veri as regards Captain Hansen's antecedents and which if Mr. Routledge, as Colonial Secretary, had taken the trouble he would have ascertained by reference to the records in his office.

10. Captain Hansen is made to appear as an honest, straightforward, but ignorant man, whereas I think the documents attached to this despatch will prove otherwise. Luchtenborg's statement will shew Mr. Hansen in a somewhat different light to that of a persecuted and injured woman, she would appear not only to have taken seals off the land which she leased without a licence but to have caused her servants to shoot them in the open sea, which she was not at any rate justified in doing.

11. To sum up - Captain Hansen's estate was heavily in debt to John Dean as also to the Falkland Islands Company; the latter in this own interests urged Mr. Hansen to do that which it now appears was within her rights, namely, to kill seal on the Jasons without a licence, but she went beyond this and brought herself within the pale of the law by shooting them at sea. Whatever has taken place has been at the instigation of the Falkland Islands Company with but one object, the clearing off of her late husbands indebtedness to the Company. In any lease to be given to Mr. Hansen I would urge that it should not be liable to transfer whether in respect to sealing or pastoral rights without the sanction of the governor in Council.

In conclusion, I deprecate most strongly the course

course adopted by Mr. Routledge who has filled the role of legal adviser to Mr. Hansen, who looking to the position held by him he should have helped the Government. He has not only been guilty of suppressio veri but he thereby lays himself to the charge of a suggestio falsi.

The Most Honourable
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. Downing Street.

I have, &c,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy
Governor.

No. 136.

Government House,
Stanley. 11 November, 18

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch, marked Circular of the 19th August last, asking to be acquainted with the wishes of this Government in becoming a party to the Dresden Sanitary Convention, and in reply to inform your Lordship that, after consideration in Executive Council, the Council advised that the interests of this Colony should be left in your Lordship's hands and that such arrangements should be made for its representation as your Lordship might see fit.

The Most Hon.ble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. Downing Street.

I have, &c,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy
Governor.

No. 137.

Government House,
Stanley. 11 November,

My Lord,

With reference to your Lordship's despatch No. 65 of the 1st September, I have the honour to inform you that the Port Regulations being made under an Order in Council, I have deemed it necessary to enact legislation

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payment of fees, hitherto payable to the Harbour Master thereunder, being paid into the Treasury. I have, however, caused the Port Regulations to be amended in this respect and this with other amendments will appear in a revised copy which I will forward to your Lordship when out of the printer's hands.

2. I have also acted upon your Lordship's instructions with regard to Bills of Health.

The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon
Downing Street.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckf^d Goldsworthy.
Governor.

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Government House,
Stanley. 13 November 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, a transcript, in duplicate of Ordinance No. 8 of 1893 duly authenticated under the public seal of the Colony and by my signature being "an Ordinance to give authority to lease "Town Lands".

ance 8 of 1893

This Ordinance was introduced in accordance with instructions contained in your Lordship's despatch No. 71 of 9 September.

The views of the unofficial members are stated in a memorial which accompanies my despatch No. 142 of the 14th instant.

The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon H.G.
Downing Street.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckf^d Goldsworthy.
Governor.

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Government House,
Stanley. 13 November, 189

My Lord,

Ordinance 9 of 1893

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, a transcript, in duplicate, of Ordinance No. 9 of 1893 duly authenticated under the public seal and by my signature entitled "an Ordinance to provide for the payment of certain fees "into the Colonial Treasury".
This Ordinance was introduced in accordance with instructions conveyed in your Lordship's despatch No. 65 of 1 September and passed through its various stages without opposition.

The Most Honourable.
The Marquess of Ripon
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

I have, &c,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworth
Governor.

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Government House
Stanley. 13 November

My Lord,

Memorial. Filed with papers

Land Resolution of Sale of.

I have the honour to forward herewith a memorial from the two unofficial members of the Legislative Council commenting on the alteration in the Resolutions of 17 June 1893 regarding the sale of land proposed to be surrendered suggested by your Lordship, in despatch 74 of 11 September.

2. The Government met with unswerving opposition throughout except in substituting 15 years for 10 in clause 3 now clause 2 nor would this, I think, have been assented had not Mr. Felton at a previous meeting when Mr. Baillon was absent stated that he would not agree to a further extension to 20 years as he did not consider that land was worth 4/- an acre

3. I do not ~~consider~~ propose tr[illegible] Messrs. Baillon's & Felton's arguments but [illegible]

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Acting Colonial Secretary (Mr. Fraser) and myself are unable to endorse the correctness of all Messrs. Baillon's and Felton's statements as to what passed in Legislative Council but beg to refer your Lordship to the minutes which were severally confirmed at subsequent meetings.

Minutes of Leg. Co.

4. With respect to the proposed resolutions your Lordship will observe that the Council concurred in thinking that the word "may" should be substituted for the word "will" in the last line of clause 3, formerly clause 4, as circumstances might arise where it would be desirable to allow a little further time for payment.

5. With respect to the retention in clause 7 of the conditions that "a suitable "dwelling house shall be erected" Mr. Baillon offered no opinion but Mr. Felton's reasons for retaining it are stated in the minutes of the Legislative Council, though strange to say, it is not alluded to in the memorial under consideration.

6. The opinions of the official members of the Legislative Council are embodied in the enclosure hereto and in which I entirely concur.

Opn. of Offl. members in Enclosure (Leg.)

7. It is the opinion of the official members that should it be necessary to resell the land "in default of payment of any "purchase money or interest" that the land should be put up at an upset price not less than that originally bid and it was considered that the best way of meeting the difficulty would be by inserting after the word "resold", the concluding word in clause 3, the words "at an upset price not less than that bid by the defaulting purchaser".

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8. On further consideration a[illegible] in view that the amended resolutions were to [illegible] embodied in an Ordinance, the draft of which wa[illegible] to be submitted to your Lordship, I deemed it [illegible] better not to alter the clause but to leave it [illegible] for your Lordship to decide whether the proposed alterations should be made when drafting the Ordinance which I would ask may be done in England and sent out here for submission to the Legislative Council. Thus no time will be lost an[illegible] I shall have the advantage of your Lordship's opinion.

The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon, K.G.
Downing Street.

I have, &c,
Signed/Roger Tuckf^d Goldsworth
Governor.

No. 141.

Government House
Stanley. 14 Novem[illegible]

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My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the re[illegible] of your Lordship's despatch No. 74 of 11 September [illegible] reply to that of Administrator Melville's No. 64 of the 22nd June. I am glad to say that it has been unnecessary "to press the holders of "expired leases in West Falklands" as prior to the receipt of your despatch under consideration they had offered to surrender certain lan[illegible]

2. Accompanying is a list of all the land which may be put up for sale.

List published in Gaz. No. 42

3. With reference to paragr[illegible] 3 of the despatch under consideration, I think that an error has been made in speaking of Messrs Pittaluga and Bonner as "comparatively "small holders on the East Falklands" "which "not be required to give up any land for sale". From measurements made by Mr Cotterell [illegible]

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of which I forwarded when in England to Mr. Sydney Buxton, M.P., the following ~~are~~ the number of acres respectively leased by them and Messrs Cameron and Robson:—

	Present measurement.	Government Return.	Difference.
Pittaluga.	106.430.	58.250	+ 48.180
Bonner.	90.504.	61.160	+ 29.344
Sharp & Smith	52.578.	36.000	+16.578.
Cameron	82.880	42.150	+40.730
Robson.	20.301	24.080	−3.779

It will thus be seen that if Messrs Pittaluga and Bonner are to be excused from surrendering land Mr. Cameron must likewise be. I am of opinion, my Lord, which is shared by the members of the Executive Council, that looking to the large acreage held by the various lessees in excess of that for which they make any payment, that, with the exception of Messrs Sharp & Smith and Mr. Robson, none should be excused from surrendering, but should your Lordship, after seeing this return, decide that Messrs Pittaluga and Bonner need not be required to give up any land for sale then Mr. Cameron in all equity should likewise not be required to.

4. With respect to the resolution referred to in paragraphs 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of your Lordship's despatch my despatch No. 140 of the 13th instant deals with that question.

5. In paragraph 13 your Lordship observes "renewed leases should now be granted to "the holders of expired leases in whose cases the "land to be reserved for sale has been determined, "and to those from whose leases it is not proposed "to make any reserve."
In the case of those first referred to, I do not see that any decision has been arrived at; indeed, much to my surprise, I found on arrival that the list

of proposed reservations had not been submitted to the Executive Council as under Section 2 of Ordinance 9 of 1882 is laid down (vide Executive Council Minutes of 11 October 1893) and discussion thereon. I do not see therefore how I can carry out the instructions contained in this paragraph except where it is not proposed to make any reserve. In this latter case, I have already given instructions for the preparation of new leases for Messrs Sharp and Smith and Mr Robson. From this latter Gentleman, I enclose a letter he has addressed to me in regard to his leases from which your Lordship will observe that he is willing to surrender any existing rights he may have to the seal fisheries on his land.

filed with C.S. land papers.

Sharp & Smith also surrender see p 437

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6. It will be necessary before Government takes over the land proposed to be rendered to ascertain whether it is fair average land with water frontage &c, but your Lordship will better understand what I consider it is necessary for the Government and public to do by a perusal of the questions embodied in enclosure III in my despatch No 134 of the 9th instant.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor

The Most Hon.ble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
Downing Street.

No 142.

407 W.G.W.

Government House,
Stanley. 14 November

My Lord,

In forwarding the accompanying Memo from the two unofficial members relative to the Ordinance empowering the Governor in Council to lease Town Lands, I have nothing to add to remarks I have already made in my corresp

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to your Lordship dated respectively 30 January, 1873 and when in England of not putting Town Lands up to auction and for the reason therein stated.
The very fact indeed of the Local Manager of the Falkland Islands Company being so urgent rather points to the necessity of leaving matters in the hands of the Governor in Council subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for the time being. I had in the original draft Ordinance inserted in the preamble the latter words but they should not have appeared in the printed one as it was found on reference to other Ordinances that it was not customary to insert them.
Neither of the unofficial members when in Council made any suggestion that any limit as to the duration of a lease should be inserted, it is apparently therefore an after thought.
In suggesting that certain blocks of land should be excluded from the operation of the Ordinance Messrs Felton and Baillon have taken care to safe guard their own interests and those of the Falkland Islands Company — A portion of the blocks on the foreshore would be the most convenient from which to start the proposed new jetty and the land immediately adjacent to Mr Dean's old wharf, now belonging to the Company that which could be more readily leased for business operations. Enclosure A will show the amount of Town Lands belonging to the Falkland Islands Company and were other lands put up for sale as suggested by Mr Baillon it is not difficult to foresee into whose hands they would fall.
I urge therefore that the Ordinance should remain in its present form.

I have &c.
(Signed.) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor.

Most Honble.
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c &c Downing Street.

No. 143.

Government House,
Stanley. 15 November, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 73 of the 9th September directing me to proceed as soon as possible with the preparation of a draft Ordinance to provide for the eradication of Scab. I find on reference to the minutes of the Executive Council, dated 14 March 1893, the following:- upon enquiry by His Excellency the "Colonial Secretary stated that the draft of an "Ordinance dealing with scab was in course of "preparation and would shortly ready for consider-"ation".

2. The only portion of a draft Ordinance which I have so far discovered forwarded herewith.
Possibly Mr. Routledge may have inadvertently taken away with him the Bill in a more complete form and if so I would ask that it might be returned here. Meanwhile I have taken in hand the drafting of an Ordinance and have already, after a reference to Mr. Baillie conferred with Mr. Nichol who is in charge under that gentleman, the sheep farming interests of the Falkland Islands Company and who formerly had considerable experience in Western Australia on this subject.

3. I may mention that the following is the principal upon which the Bill is being drafted.
The entire repeal of Ordinance 3 of 1867.
Definition of infected sheep. Appointment of a Chief Inspector and of Boards composed of farmers for the East and West Falklands respectively, the Inspector in Chief when [illegible] to act as Chairman of either Board.

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Any Member of a Board in the absence of the Chief Inspector on emergency to act as Inspector reporting action taken by him to the Board.
Powers given to Chief Inspector and Inspectors when acting as such to enter upon any lands and to inspect sheep and stock thereon and to give such orders where sheep are infected with scab as he may deem necessary under regulations proposed to be framed under the Ordinance.
Owners or persons in charge of sheep, if aware A scab existing or of sheep having been directly or indirectly in contact with infected sheep to give information to Chief Inspector meanwhile informing Board and neighbouring farmers and to isolate such sheep.
Insertion of sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of repealed Ordinance with modifications. Notice of sheep being infected to be inserted in the Government Gazette.
Powers to be given to the Chief Inspector with approval of the Board to call upon owners to remedy defects in fences where not sheep ~~proof~~ and if necessary to take steps to ensure suitable fencing being put up at the expense of joint proprietors and should a farmer be unable to meet his share of the cost of erecting such, the adjoining proprietor may erect the same and recover a moiety of the cost by instalments with four per centum per annum interest payable thereon.
Compulsory registration of brands. Infected sheep to be branded with a distinctive mark, and such brand shall not be removed except with a certificate from the Inspector.
Infected sheep straying liable to be killed and burnt.
I have already detailed sufficient of the proposed Ordinance to show your Lordship the scope of the provisions. Other clauses will be enacted but I do not consider it necessary to detail them here.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckett Goldsworthy.
Governor

Honourable
Ripon (K.G.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Acknowledged 15 January 1894

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 16th *day of* November 1893

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
124.	17 October.	Arrival of Land Surveyor Creyan.	
125.	19 "	Recorder of a Cablegram.	
126	" "	Illicit exportation of sealskins. Mr. Baillon's regret.	One.
127.	27 "	Mr. Foster's Memorial. Memorialist absent from the Colony.	One.
128.	" "	Mr. W. Spearman informed of contents of Despatch No. 66 of 1 September.	
129	" "	Schedules, acknowledging despatches will not be numbered in the future.	
130.	28 "	Surveyor Hudson's effects and balance due.	Two.
131.	2 November.	Sealing at the Jasons. Interpretation by Mr. Blake of Colonial Secretary's letter of 15 February 1893	One.
132.	6 "	Detention of sealskins by the Government claimed by Mr. Kirwan.	One.
133	9 "	Illicit exportation of sealskins. Mr. Schlottfeldt's denies statements made concerning himself in connection with.	One.

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
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134.	9 November	Survey of lands proposed to be surrendered for sale. Need for instruments.	Three.
135.	10 "	Lease of the Caicos Islands. Cause for the Commission of enquiry into the sealing licence questioned. Character of the Lessee prior to his death.	One.
136.	11 "	Dresden Sanitary Convention.	
137	" "	Payment of fees into the Colonial Treasury.	
138	13 "	Ordinance No 8 of 1893 forwards	One
139	" "	Ordinance No 9 of 1893 forwards.	One
140.	" "	Amended Resolutions of Conditions of Sale of land. Forwards with observations and memorial of unofficial members of the Legislative Council	Four
141.	14 "	Sale of land. Necessity of certain leaseholders surrendering land. Renewal of leases to those not required to surrender.	Two
142	" "	Town Land Leasing ~~Ordinance~~ Memorial from unofficial members of legislative Council	Two.
143	15 "	Scab Ordinance. Proposed provisions of.	One

No. 144

Government House,
Stanley, 27 November, 1893

My Lord,

I beg to refer your Lordship to Administrator Melville's despatch of 21 August paragraph 5, wherein he states "From enquiries "I have made I learn that ordinance No. 1 of 18[illegible] "providing for the compulsory vaccination of "children has for more than two years past "been a dead letter though I believe Governor "Goldsworthy made an effort to enforce it".

2. From this it would be gathered that "more than two years" during my administration of the Government vaccination had not been carried out whilst it is implied that previously it had be[illegible]

3. This is most unfair [illegible] myself, it was in view of vaccination no[illegible] having been sufficiently seen to prior to my assuming the Government that caused me look into matters as the copy of the enclosed minutes which passed between myself and the Colonial secretary sufficiently indicate.

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M.P. 24/9/2
9 Nov: 92
21 Oct: 92

4. Since my assumption of the Government there have been at the rate of 24 annually vaccinated whilst during an equal period anterior thereto there was an annual average of only 12.

5. An amending Ordinance dealing with vaccination will be submitted the Legislative Council next week. It emp[illegible] the Government to deal with all children under 14 years of age who have not been vaccinated. There is a further clause defi[illegible] who is to prosecute.

I have [illegible]

(Signed) Roger Tuck[illegible]

259 The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
Downing Street

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Government House,
Stanley. 28 November, 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 78 of the 9th ultimo with enclosure.

2. Whilst personally considering that the system which obtains here for checking the issue and expenditure of articles from the Store Department answers remarkably well at the same time involving the minimum of labour, yet on deference to your Lordship's opinion I have given instructions that the more elaborate system proposed by Sir Charles Ryan, Comptroller and Auditor General, should be introduced.

3. Should, however, it be found to entail much extra clerical labor, as I foresee it will do without, I fear, compensating advantages, I trust your Lordship will be prepared to sanction some clerical assistance to the officer in charge of stores who in addition to that duty discharges those of Chief Constable, Chief Officer of Customs, Sheriff, Sanitary Inspector, Time Keeper in respect to men employed on public works &c.

I have caused requisitions for the necessary books to be sent by the outgoing mail.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

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Government House,
Stanley. 29 November, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward the accompanying copy of a letter received by me from Mr. J. Dettleff, a small suburban farmer on behalf of himself and others interested in the question of the proposed land sales.

28 Nov. 1893.

2 Referring to Resolution I, inferentially, land with less than 1/3rd available water frontage is not worth 4/- an acre.

Resolution ii, I think some plan to ensure small payments at first increasing towards the termination of the fifteen years might be consi[illegible] Mr. Felton, one of the two unofficial members [illegible] the Legislative Council, observed in Com[illegible] that he would not be unwilling to see [illegible] period extended to 20 years.

The suggestion made in Resolution [illegible] would be inconsistent with the law as it [illegible] stands. Mr. Dettleff takes no objection to Resolutions iv, v, and vi.

Resolution vii. I hope the Government [illegible] not act so foolishly or culpably as to accept a[illegible] portion of land from the lessees without first of all being satisfied that it is fair average land. From what has come to my knowledge the opinion formed by Mr. Dettleff and others on the land proposed to be surrendered for sale is not far wrong.

3. I have just caused a le[illegible] to be addressed, my Lord, to Mr. Packe, the representative of Captain Packe who has offer[illegible] to give up for sale sections 58, 59, 60, 61 an[illegible] 62 (of which a copy is enclosed) and which are about to be surveyed, asking him [illegible] to act on the Board therein referred to or communicate some one to represent [illegible]

28 November 1893

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Packe's interests thereon.

4. When I have received the various reports on the land proposed to be surrendered, I shall then lay them before the Executive Council and in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of Ordinance No 4 of 1882 decide whether the whole or what part of the land proposed to be surrendered shall be offered for sale. It is manifest that until this has been "determined" the expired lease cannot be renewed for were the land to be such or so situated as to prevent sheep farming being carried on except on conditions and under circumstances which would baffle the most experienced, it stands to reason that it would be an insult to the understanding to offer such for sale and a charge of mala fides might not unfairly be levelled against the Government were it to do so. In such a case the Government would itself select land not quite so unsuitable as that proposed to be surrendered and it will be necessary therefore not to renew any of the leases till a selection has been made or we should limit our area from which to select. This must necessarily involve delay but though unfortunate it is unavoidable.

5. The work already carried out by Surveyor Keegan is to some extent connected with the land in dispute between Captain Packe and Mr Bender and which is referred to in Governor Kerr's despatch No 732 of 2 1st November 1890 and previous correspondence, indeed it is a portion of section 58, one of the sections proposed to be surrendered which is in question.

6. I will expedite matters as much as I possibly can, the necessity of a survey being to my thinking as necessary as in

in the opinion of Administrator Melville, ju
by his action, in sending the surveying inst
ments to England, it was the reverse; for there
cannot be any decision arrived at as to the
quantity to be offered for sale till such surv
takes place nor can Government limit its
area of selection by renewing any of the expire
leases till the Executive Council has "determin
what offers of surrender shall be accepted
I apprehend from paragraph 13 of your
Lordship's despatch No 74 of 11 September
that you were under the impression
that the Governor in Executive Council
had already selected the land but as I
informed you in my despatch No 141 of 14th
instant such was not the case but I am
somewhat doubtful whether the notice th
first of all appeared in the Government
of 29 June last (enclosed) may not fai
have led lessees (to suppose so, though leg
it would not I presume be binding on th
Government - not having been done in Execu
Council.

7. I think my letter to Mr
Packe will prove that I am desirous of
acting with a conciliatory spirit which you
Lordship desires, but I much fear unles
I accept without question any land propo
to be surrendered I shall not find I shall satisfy
farmers.

8. The contention of Mr Dett
as regards the sections offered by Captain Pa
is sound. The water frontage to the North
section 59 in useless there being no landi
place and it is absolutely essential th
the shearing should be carried on clos
where there is available water transit a
carriage of wool by land would soon b

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any farmer. Reference to the chart will show how carefully "a centre camp" as termed by Mr. Dittlieff has been selected, the corner sections which with good land and good water frontage having been retained by Captain Packe not even sufficient land for the erection of a dip and shearing station being offered.

The land itself is not average land but, were the suggestion of Mr. Dittlieff carried out, I think that Captain Packe's offer should be accepted as No. 46 is above the average of land in that part.

I have &c,
Signed:/ Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy.

The Most Honble.
The Marquess of Ripon
K.G. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

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Government House,
Stanley. 29 November, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to enclose copies of the letters of resignation of their offices as Justices of the Peace tendered by Messrs Cobb and Nichol respectively.

Mr. Cobb is brother of the Managing Director in England of the Falkland Islands Company and Mr. Nichol is in charge of the farming interests of the same Corporation.

2. As they have not stated their reasons for resigning, I am unable to afford your Lordship any information. As these Gentlemen accepted office on your Lordship's invitation conveyed through Administrator Melville in a confidential despatch, I have merely informed them that I have forwarded copies of their letters to your Lordship and await instructions.

3. I may add that Mr. Nichol has been cooperating with me in drawing up

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the draft scab Ordinance and has given me s[illegible] useful suggestions, and had he then intended [illegible] resign, I do not think he would have come [illegible] Government House. Perhaps Mr Cobbs rece[illegible] arrival from England by the mail may ha[illegible] had something to do with it.

The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworth
Governor.

No 148.

Government House.
Stanley. 2 December, 18[illegible]

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, [illegible] your Lordships information, a statement shew[illegible] the Revenue and Expenditure of this Colony [illegible] Quarter ended the 30th September 1893.

The Most Hon.ble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
Downing St.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsw[illegible]
Governor.

No 149.

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Government House.
Stanley. 18 December, [illegible]

My Lord,

With reference to Administrator Melville [illegible] despatch No 100 of 9th September replying to that [illegible] your Lordships No 49 of 3rd July, I have the hon[illegible] to make the following observations.

2. It would appear on receipt of [illegible] latter that Mr Melville caused a confidential [illegible] to be addressed to the following Gentlemen, Dea[illegible] Brandon, Revd Father O'Grady and the Revd E[illegible] Murphy, asking each of them to ascertain th[illegible] correct number of members of his denom[illegible]tion in the Falkland Islands and for any [illegible] information respecting the present posi[illegible] of their Churches, &c. The purport [illegible]

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 29th *day of* November, 1893.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
144.	27 November 1893	Enforcement of the Vaccination ~~Ordinance~~	One.
145.	28 "	Preparation of Store Accounts. Audit Office requirements will be carried out.	
146.	29 "	Proposed Sale of Land to Mr. Deltleff and others set forth their views as to the conditions of sale. Quality of land surrendered also referred to.	Three.
147.	" "	Resignation by Messrs. G. Cobb and Nichol of their office as Justices of the Peace	Two.

letters and of the returns subsequently transpire and that Mr. Melville was aware of this would appear from the fact that copies of the return are forwarded in his numbered despatch above referred to. Whilst Father O'Grady confined himself to a reply to the question asked the Revd. E. Murphy expressed his regret "that "as yet I have not been able to get the statistics "that you asked for". Dean Brandon, however, not only sends in a statement of the members of the Church of England in Stanley but swells the number by adding thereto the names of non-conformists and others, or as Mr. Melville puts it in his despatch No. 100 of 9 September, "including Presbyterians who accept the "ministrations of that Church and whose "children have been baptised in the Church of "England". On perusing the Despatch and the enclosure I was astonished, my Lord, that so unreliable a document as that of the Colonial Chaplain's should have been forwarded. Whilst I will not say that the statements therein are false yet they are incorrect and misleading as they would make your Lordship when seeking for information or any other impartial person believe that, in addition to the regular Church of England members, the nonconformists preferentially receive the ministrations of the clergy of the Church of England to those of the only dissenting body here, namely, the Baptists.

The facts are these. In Stanley the average attendance at the Church of England since January last was 226 every Sunday whilst that of the Roman Catholics is 102 and at the Baptist Chapel 180, a large proportion of non-conformists (Presbyterians & others) attending the latter. Dean Brandon is not incorrect in stating that the Presbyterians receive the ministrations of the Church of England for

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since the withdrawal in 1892 of the £100 allow towards the payment of a Presbyterian Minister and its transference to the Church of England to help towards receiving the services of an assistant either the Colonial Chaplain or the Assistant Minister have been enabled to spend a considerable portion of their time away from Stanley and the Presbyterians rather than see their children unbaptised naturally accept their services and attend any religious service held in Camp by those gentlemen but for them it is "Hobson's choice". Roman Catholics receive from time to time visits from their own clergy of whom there are two.

With the nonconformists it is different; there is only one minister and he is a Baptist and has hitherto not been able to visit the Camp so constantly as his clerical brethren but he does ~~he does~~ the Presbyterians avail themselves of his services except in respect of infant baptism for which, as your Lordship is aware, dedication is substituted among the Baptists.

In respect too of the baptism of the children of Presbyterians I should mention that they are not baptised into the Church of England but they are baptised as received into the body of Christians or in other words "into the fold of Christ".

The nonconformists in Camp are only too willing to hear Gods words whether from the mouth of a Church of England clergyman or from a dissenting Minister but for choice the latter; the conduct of the service being more in unison with what they have been accustomed to from childhood.

3. The accompanying return which I have obtained from the Revd. J. C. Murphy since Dr. McWille's departure shows that de

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Brandon has inserted names with the object of apparently swelling his list but which undoubtedly he was not justified in doing. He, however, guards himself to a certain extent by not saying they belong to the Church but "accept their services of the Church of "England clergy." Yes, My Lord, Father O'Grady or the Revd. E.C. Murphy might equally swell his total by putting my name on their lists as I have attended their services on several occasions, yet I am a Member of the Church of England, and though I hold that so long as the Church of England is in a majority it should not be disestablished or any other alteration made yet on the other hand if the contrary be found to be the case there is good reason for not allowing the present condition of affairs to continue. It was the enunciation of this opinion to Dean Brandon before my departure for England coupled with the suggestion that he would be wise to make provision for the endowment of the Church of England here as dis-establishment must come sooner or later (the tendency in the present day being to make every denomination dependent on its own exertions) which, I fancy, caused Dean Brandon to swell the list of members of the Church of England by adding thereto the names of nonconformists who from time to time have accepted the ministrations of that Church "faute de mieux" or baptism at the hands of her clergy.

4. I observe that Administrator Melville states that the Church of England is not established in this Colony any more than the Roman Catholic Church or the Baptist Church" beyond the fact that the Colonial Chaplain's "salary is provided for on the annual estimates "while the other clergyman of the Church of England

"England is designated as an Assistant "Minister". If this be so I cannot see the justification for a contribution of £408. for and House to the Church of England, £50 to the Roman Catholic Church and "nil" to the Baptist.

5. To revert to administrator Melville's recapitulation of the numerical strength of the respective denominations we find Church of England (including "Presbyterians who accept the ministrations of that Church and whose children "have been baptized in the Church of "England") 1260.
Roman Catholics. 300
Non Conformists. 2[illegible]
making a total of 17[illegible]

6. Now your Lordship will observe that the Reverend E Murphy was able to send in a return but it was essential in order to furnish complete statistics that the unknown quantity, i.e., the number attending the Baptist place of worship should be ascertained and the following apparently was Mr Melville's method.
Computing the Church of England, those accepting her ministrations pe, at 1260 (though where he obtains these figures I am at a loss to say) and adding thereto 300 for Roman Catholics a total of 1560 is the result, this deducted from 1789, the total population in 1891, gives 229, the number that appears in Mr Melville's return as Baptists, and to evidence its probable correctness Mr Melville refers the census papers of 1891. But a religious census was no more taken then than in and what appears in the published census the Falkland Islands under the head of "

"of the population" was partly obtained from returns given by a member of the Church of England of which I will speak hereafter.

7. The incorrectness of the return recently furnished is shewn by the fact of so many whose names have been made use of by Dean Brandon having signed their names as "nonconformists and adherents of "Stanley Tabernacle" (vide enclosure 1).
Mr. J.J. Felton whose name appears as belonging to the Church of England is an agnostic and he himself informed me that Dean Brandon had no authority to put his name on the list.
Mr Lasar tells his own story in enclosure 2.
I could enumerate others, the name even of an acknowledged atheist appearing as a Church member.

8. I regret the animus shewn towards Mr Smith by Administrator Melville. He may not be absolutely correct in his figures, nor I am prepared to say is Mr Melville in his, but I will answer for Mr Smith that what he has written he conscientiously believes to be the truth. Agitator or no agitator he is a man who has the courage of his opinion and would scorn to tell a lie.

9. In paragraph 3 of Mr Melville's despatch he omits to state that the materials of the old Church were given as well as the site &c. for the new Church.
Whether or not my predecessor would have given "the like privilege" as that referred to by Administrator Melville to the Roman Catholic Church and Tabernacle I am not prepared to say nor am I aware of the grounds for his stating "but it would have been granted in both cases if required". Lieut. Governor Berkely is dead and Governor

Governor Kerr being in Jamaica there was scarcely time to get his authority to make such a statement.

R.C got labour to build their chapel
see book 16 page 185

10. In conclusion, I see no reason for continuing the present contribution to the Church of England, it not being the Church the majority. If established it should be disestablished, and if, as Mr. Melville contends, it is not established then we are acting unfairly to other denominations by contributing so largely towards it from public funds.

A Colonial Chaplain is by no means a necessity, there is no hospital, the gaol has very often not a single inmate, though now and again there may be three or four but this seldom occurs there cannot be said a poor person so that there is no paupers to visit. The post should be abolished, the Colonial Chaplain being pensioned off. After payment of his pension there would be a fund available to apportion pro rata between all the churches; thus all grounds for dissatisfaction would be done away with and the equity of the case met. I find on reference to the census papers of 1881 that though in our printed census return the number of the various religious denominations is given yet on the "Household schedules" which were required to be filled there is no query as to a person's religion consequently not any entry. I find however that after the schedules went into the census the religion of 445 persons was added. It is in the handwriting of a Mr. Lewis. The population being 1553 there would be 1108 persons whose religion is not stated in the Household schedules. The return therefore alluded by Mr. Melville is about as unreliable as the one given by Dean Brandon. It is only to add that this gentleman was [illegible]

the 1881 census was taken.
In an interview which I had with Dean Brandon he informed me that he had asked Administrator Melville to refer his return to Mr. Murphy of the Baptist Chapel, this appears not to have been done. Had this been done this despatch would have been unnecessary.

11. There is a very strong feeling that the present arrangement is unfair and if Administrator Melville's statement that "the only other inhabitant I know of who "might wish the withdrawal of the Colonial "contribution to the Church of England is the "Colonial surgeon" be correct your Lordship will recognise that the non-conformists here are very different from their co-religionists elsewhere but this is not my experience.

Most Honble.
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
Downing Street.

I have &c.
(Sd.) Roger Tuchfd. Goldsworthy.
Governor.

P.S. Since writing the foregoing I have received your Lordship's despatch No 86 of 17th ultimo but as the information afforded in that of Mr. Melville's on which your Lordship's decision is based is owing to inaccuracy of the returns not reliable, I would ask your Lordship in view of the further information given in this despatch, to reconsider the question.

Lord Ripon replies by 19 of [illegible] Initialed R.T.G.

"I do not at present [illegible] for disturbing the existing practice "with regard to religious endowment."
but Lord Kimberley in 72/73 [illegible] Sir Rogers [illegible] a little
W. Gpt.

No 150.

Government House,
Stanley. 19 December 1

My Lord,

In continuation of my despatch No 144 of the 27th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith duly authenticated copies in duplicate of Ordinance No 10 of 1893 entitled "An Ordinance to amend and "make further provision for compulsory vaccination"

Ordinance 10 of 1893

2. Clause 1 provides for the vaccination returns being forwarded to the Registrar at Stanley regularly every quarter instead of as heretofore to the Governor. The reason for so doing is explained by clause 2 which makes it incumbent upon the Registrar to move the Chief Constable &c to prosecute any defaulters, it not being made clear in Ordinance 10 of 1868 on whom this duty devolves. It was thought inexpedient to make the Colonial Surgeon the prosecutor as it might injure his private practice on which he is partly dependent.

3. Clause 3 is intended to bring children under 14 years of age who have not been vaccinated under the provisions of the law. This clause is similar to that provided by 30 & 31 Vict. Cap: except that a penalty for offending more than once may be imposed.

4 The Bill passed through its various stages in Council without opposition and I have forward it for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor

The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon &c &c &c
Downing Street.

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151.

Government House,
Stanley. 21 December, 1893.

My Lord,

November 1893.

I have the honour to forward a letter from Mr Durose, Government Schoolmaster asking if the Government would sanction some assistance towards the passage of himself and family to England and back, he being anxious to visit his home.

2. I am fully aware, My Lord, that this must be made a special case should your Lordship consider that his long stay of nearly 12 years in the Falklands without leave except for short periods in the Colony and the small salary he receives would justify your Lordship in assisting this officer who informs me that it is his intention when in England to be examined for a first class certificate and make himself acquainted with all the recent improvements which have been introduced in the system of education; thus the Colony will benefit and on these further grounds I hope your Lordship may see your way to grant Mr Durose's prayer.

3. The passages of himself, wife and family, 2nd class return, will cost £114.

4. In conclusion, I may state that Mr Durose has performed his duties to my entire satisfaction.

December 1893

5. With respect to this application, I have the honour to enclose a further letter from Mr Durose forwarding copies of the correspondence connected with his appointment and Governor Kerr's decision on the matter of fees. I am afraid I cannot support his contention that he was entitled to more than the £200 per annum and if your Lordship is enabled to assist

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Mr Durose it must be entirely as an act of g
and in no way establishing a precedent.

The Most Honble.
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworth
Governor.

No. 152.

Government House,
Stanley. 21 December, 1892

My Lord,

With reference to my despatch No. 132 of 6th ultimo, I have the honour to forward copies of further correspondence which has taken place between this Government and the late holder of the licence to kill seals off the Jasons b as I am informed that they have referred matters to England for advice as to what cou they should adopt and with a view to co municating with your Lordship I do no propose to further interfere out here have so replied to them.

Mr Luchtenborg & Grant.
27 October 1892
Col. Sec.
20 November.
Messrs. L. & Grant.
8 December
Col. Sec.
16 December.

The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworth
Governor.

No. 153.

Government House,
Stanley. 22 December, 1892

My Lord,

I have the honour to enclose three tracings of lots of land for which applicati to lease have been received. The area of lots in question and the names of the applicants is given in Enclosure 2. The le in each case is for 99 years.

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Mr C. Williams
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Mr J. Kirwan.
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Mr Rowell.
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2. Mr Williams applies to secure the land and foreshore in fron a residential stone building for the pu of erecting workshops and to use as a

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yard, with permission to construct a jetty for carrying on his business.

3. Mr. Williams is, with the exception of the Falkland Islands Company, the largest importer here and has a considerable business at Sandy Point. Governor Kerr refused him the privilege the Council now desire to accord him on the ground that he had once been convicted of having dutiable goods in his possession which had not paid duty. I do not consider this, after so many years would be a valid objection. Mr. Williams himself and his family are much esteemed here. The rental proposed is £15 per annum.

Mr. Kirwan is desirous of erecting a dwelling house and store and asks for the lease of a piece of land for 99 years for that purpose. At present his store is in his dwelling house which is not sufficiently large besides being in a bad situation for business. The lot he applies for and the one adjoining have been lying unused for years. Mr. Kirwan's offer £8 per annum, is I consider a good one and any one starting in business here should be encouraged.

Mr. Rowell who has been mainly instrumental in making the Volunteer movement a success and who at present has the mail contract to the West Falklands besides carrying on the business of a jeweller, &c, is about to proceed to England with the view to getting assistance to establish a building and timber yard. The proposed rental is £15 with permission to construct a jetty.

4. I recommend the granting of these leases conditional on the proposed business being started and the necessary buildings being erected within two years failing which they will revert to the Crown.

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It is proposed to insert a clause in the lease stipulating that any transfer shall be conditional on the Governor in Council sanction the same.

The Most Hon'ble.
The Marquess of Ripon, K.G.
" Downing Street.

I have, &c,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworth
Governor.

No. 154.

Government House,
Stanley. 22 December, 187

My Lord,

Referring to my despatch No. 135 of 10th November regarding Mrs. Hansen and the lease of the Jasons, I omitted to draw your Lordship attention to the following portion of paragraph Administrator Melville's despatch of 19th June
"I make this urgent request, my Lord, [illegible]
"over on the ground that as Mrs. Hansen [illegible]
"of the leaseholders who has come forward and offered to surrender the lease of the Pa[illegible]
"Islands granted to her late husband for [illegible]
"years from 8 July 1883 in order to assis[illegible]
"Government to meet the probable dema[illegible]
"for the purchase of land &c. &c."
Mr. Melville failed however to inform your Lordship that the remaining portion of the lease of the Passage Islands was advertised for sale for considerable time prior to my going on leave but without success. These Islands are virtually out of the market for pastoral purposes. The sheep and cattle pine and die away from want of shelter and a proper supply of water, there being only two or three ponds the supply of water of which is brackish. [illegible] being able to find a purchaser for the remaining portion of the lease, Mrs. Hansen through her advisers in order to get rid of what has not been profitable and for which [illegible] could not find a purchaser kindly makes [illegible] of the Government to ensure her getting [illegible] thinks the value of the shanty and dip [illegible]

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shed thereon. Under no circumstances unless directly ordered by your Lordship, will I be a party to offering these islands for sale knowing full well that no one would bid for them.
Such "assistance" as Mr. Melville terms it, the Government is better without.
It was suggested to Mr. Neilsson, the lessee of New Island some 17 miles to the west of the Passage Islands that being so near he should buy the remaining portion of the lease, his reply was that they were of no use for the reason before mentioned and that he would not take them as a gift.
Neither in this case or in respect to other land was any trouble taken to ascertain the nature of the soil, &c. Mr. Melville with his legal adviser in their earnest desire to help Mrs Hansen have not given your Lordship the other side of the picture but whilst sounding the late Captain Hansen's praises they have been blind to his failings and it can scarcely been contended that Mrs Hansen herself was not alive to her husband's proceedings in the past.
The anxiety displayed to shield Mrs Hansen (though she had set the law at defiance and through her servants had killed seal at sea) is widened by the way in which Leuchtenberg's conduct is held up to reprobation for "acting as "he has done in killing seal wholesale and tres- "passing on Mrs Hansen's land". Now the wholesale killing consisting in obtaining 109 seals under a Government licence (not to trespass however), how then would Mr. Melville designate killing some 532 seals without a licence. Yet Mrs Hansen did this and her agent, Mr. Baillon, forwarded the sealskins to England as "hides" on the manifest. Read, my Lord, what Mr. Melville says "I cannot agree with Sir R. "Goldsworthy in his opinion that their exportation "as "hides" was a deliberately planned attempt

"to deceive the Government."
Now how far was Mr Hansen concerned in this attempt, the seals were killed under her instructions the skins were shipped to Stanley not as was customary as "sealskins" but as "General cargo" Why? she knew she had no licence to kill and that Government would have seized the skins and retained them. True! that in Mr Baillon's letter of June 26, enclosure in Mr Melville's despatch No 68 of same date he says "she was "utterly and completely ignorant of the "manner in which I declared the 7 barrels "of sealskins shipped by Kosmos steamer "Pentaur" in November last to the agent "of the said Company." but surely, my "Lord, if the truth or otherwise of the claim "I made was to be ascertained, the Joint "ability and experience of Administrator Melville and his legal adviser should suggested asking Mr Baillon this further question. "Did either yourself or her attorney Mr Blake, suggest to Mr Hansen either directly or indirectly that these 53 sealskins should not be entered on the manifest as such but as "General cargo", but this was not done. It was possibly too crucial a question and the answer might not have proved Mr Hansen's innocence in the matter. But, supposing the answer to be in the negative then Mr Hansen would appear in even a worse light as initiating the deception and who shall say. possibly thus tempting Mr Baillon from the paths of rectitude to act as he did with the object of concealing the fact that they were sealskins.
If your Lordship still contemplates the renewal of Mr Hansen's leases before giving instructing me to renew them Mr Hansen should be compelled to clear herself from

the charge of intentionally deceiving the Government.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Most Hon.ble
The Marquess of Ripon, K.G.
Downing Street.

No. 155.

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Government House,
Stanley. 23 December 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to paragraph 5 of my despatch 141 of 14th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose, for your Lordship's information, a copy of a letter which has been received from Messrs. Sharp and Smith in which they surrender all claims over the seal fisheries on the lands occupied by them. I propose to insert this surrender in the renewed lease I am about to issue to these lessees.

December 1893

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Most Hon.ble
The Marquess of Ripon, K.G.
Downing Street.

No. 156.

Government House,
Stanley. 26 December 1893.

My Lord,

Referring to my despatch No. 136 of 15 Dec. 1892, I have the honour to forward herewith, for your Lordship's information, copy of a Report I have received relating a proposed new industry which it is hoped will be established in this Colony and which may therefore be of interest to your Lordship.

December 1893

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy
Governor

The Most Hon.ble
The Marquess of Ripon, K.G.
Downing Street.

No. 157.

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Government House,
Stanley. 27 December

December 26, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward to your Lordship a memorial from Dean Brandon on behalf of the Church of England asking that the pre-emptive right of purchase of a piece of ground to the South of Christ Church at the rate of £100 per acre may be given to the Trustees.

2. The correspondence speaks for itself and it is clear to me through in the first instance three roods were mentioned that subsequently Lt. Govr. Barkly was not disposed to give more than two roods for the site of the Church and his compelling Dean Brandon, then Mr. Brandon, to withdraw his letter on behalf of the Church from making it a condition the refusal of the land in question should be given to the [illegible] in the event of a Government School not being erected and [illegible] stitution therefor of resolution in Enclosure to clearly show [illegible] Lt. Govr. Barkly's intention was. The grant also of a right of [illegible] road 15 ft. broad, covering an area of over 9 perches was [illegible] addition to the site. But for this right of way the piece of land (Plan A) could have been divided into three building plots, as it cannot be divided into more than two at the respective rent of £8 each for one of which an offer has been made by Mr. [illegible] the other has been offered to the Social Club but an answer has not yet been received.

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Were the land to be sold at a rate equivalent to its yearly rent calculating interest at four per centum it should fetch £400 whilst at £100 per acre the land would realize only £25.

In conclusion I must recite the concessions which the Church of England has derived from Government, namely a free site, building material, right of way of 15 feet to the Church and the right of quarrying stone free of charge.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworth
Governor.

The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
" Downing Street.

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Government House, Stanley.
28 December, 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to my despatch No. 134 of the 9th ultimo, paragraph 6, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that Mr. George Felton has declined to accept a seat on the proposed Board to inspect and report on the land offered to be surrendered by Captain Packe for sale "for the reason that he has fully as much "as he can attend to and a deal more riding than is good for "him".

2. From the correspondence herewith enclosed, your Lordship will perceive from the letter dated 28 November that I intend that the Board should be composed of 3 members representing respectively the Government, probable investors in land and the leaseholder.

3. Mr. Packe in his letter of the 4th instant however asks to be excused from sitting on the Board but I have availed myself of his offer to conduct the other two members of the Board over the sections offered for sale by Captain Packe and their report which is now being prepared will be forwarded to your Lordship in due course.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy
Governor.

That Honble.
Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c &c
Downing Street.

No. 159.

Government House, Stanley.
28 December, 1893

My Lord,

In my despatch No. 158 of this date forwarded by this mail, I mentioned that the members of the Board whom I had selected to report on the land proposed to be surrendered by the late Captain Packe had already proceeded in company with Capt: Packe's representative to inspect the same.

2. As regards the land generally, in view of its being a notorious fact that many of the blocks of land are worthless as sheep farms either by reason of the pasturage being indifferent or from the rocky nature of the soil or from there being no safe anchorage for any kind of craft to ship wool or land stores or from other causes, I consider it will be advisable

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before going to the expense of a survey that the Board shou[illegible] inspect such land as is believed to be of no account and send in their report thereon. Meanwhile the survey can proceed with the survey of those blocks which [illegible] well known there will be no difficulty in finding bids for.

3. All the lessees both of the East West Falklands have now with the exception of Messrs Blake and Holmstead and Mr Anson of Chartres offer certain blocks for surrender and I hope before next mail to be able to report that the before mentioned gentleme[illegible] have definitely fixed what land they propose to surrender to the Government.

4. I do not anticipate that the survey of th[illegible] various blocks will be finished before three years in view [illegible] during the months of May, June, July and August [illegible] nothing can be done.

5. The ill advised step of send[illegible] surveying instruments back to England has con[illegible] retarded matters, surveying with the heavy [illegible] theodolite being a tedious and slow process.

6. I trust by the mail of the 15 [illegible] to send your Lordship not only a chart showing blocks of land proposed to be surrendered in both [illegible] East and West Falklands but also a return of the acr[illegible] of each of such blocks in proportion to the acreage com[illegible]prised in the leases which have lapsed.

7. There is one other point in view [illegible] the correspondence which has taken place and the exceptio[illegible] circumstances connected with the possession of Dyke Isla[illegible] by Messrs Dean & Son to which I would direct your Lordsh[illegible] attention as I gather from a letter addressed to Mr Wing[illegible] that an offer has been made to substitute another block [illegible] for Dyke Island. The land in question is comparatively [illegible] less in addition to which looking to all the surrounding circumstances, I am of opinion that the decision arrived [illegible] by your Lordship in your despatch No 97 of 9 December 189[illegible] paragraph 4, should be adhered to.

I have &c.

Signed Roger Tuckfd Gold[illegible]

ENCLOSURE in Despatch No 27 of 10 March 1893

The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon
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Downing Street

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Government House,
Stanley. 28 December, 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to my despatch No. 144 of 27 November, I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the Port Regulations revised up to date.

Port Regulations

2. Your Lordship's will observe that clause 16 provides for the fees hitherto payable to the Harbour Master shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury for purposes of general revenue as instructed in your despatch No. 65 [illegible] 1st September otherwise, with the exception [illegible] some slight alterations in the wording, the [illegible]lations now forwarded are a reprint of those [illegible] have been in force up to the date of the [illegible]pt of your Lordship's last mentioned [illegible]spatch.

I have, &c,

(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy
Governor.

Acknowledged 12 March, 1894

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 28th day of December, 1893.

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149.	18 " "	Revised statistics showing number of Non-Conformists in Stanley. Proposes equal distribution of grants between the three Churches.	Two.
150.	19 "	Vaccination Amendment Ordinance No. 10 of 1893. Forwards.	One.
151.	21 "	Leave to Mr. Dwyer, Government Schoolmaster. Asks for free passage. Raises question of fees.	Two.
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158.	28 " "	Board to report on sections of land proposed to be offered for sale. Commencement of duties.	One.
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160.	" " "	Revised Port Regulations. Forwards.	One.